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Albany questions impact analysis

Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — In a much anticipated meeting, which drew a flurry of anger and frustration from those involved, the City Council found little to support in Albany School District's proposed mitigated negative declaration for the new middle school.

The review came in the wake of a handful of letters from residents and neighborhood organizations protesting the negative declaration and a staff report which found 25 of the 69 assumptions in the document to be lacking. By

definition under the California Environmental Quality Act, a negative declaration means that although a project may have impacts on the environment, those impacts will be sufficiently mitigated so as not to trigger an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Although the city is essentially powerless as far as approving or denying the declaration, staff will now incorporate the comments into a letter to the School Board, which will hold a public meeting on July 9 to further discuss the issue.

Prior to reaching the City Council, the declaration was dragged through a

pair of city commissions, both of which ripped it as inadequate. At the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting last Tuesday, a small group of neighbors of the site watched as commissioners pulled conclusions from the document, which they felt were bogus, seemingly as fast as they could read it.

"I write environmental impact reports and negative declarations (for a living)," said Planning and Zoning Commissioner Phil Wheeler, "and if somebody had written it for me under my supervision I would not have released it."

The Traffic and Safety Commission

didn't seem any more thrilled with the document's findings. According to a memorandum submitted to the council meeting, the commission recommended that "empirical data, not assumptions, be used to accurately depict the traffic volumes and speed on the surrounding residential neighborhoods," among other recommendations.

The declaration then made the rounds at City Hall, leading to a staff report by Planning Manager Gary Patton, which called the document "substantially de-

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EC critical of middle school declaration

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The city of El Cerrito is not satisfied with the mitigated negative declaration proposed by the Albany Unified School District to address the expected environmental impacts of a new middle school. Members of the Behrens Neighborhood Association are also dissatisfied. Two representatives shared their concerns at the council's July 1 meeting.

Behrens Street residents fear that they will suffer some of the most negative impacts from the new school — increased traffic and parking congestion.

Diane Howell Friis told the council the Behrens neighborhood has been a special one throughout her 25-year residency, "friendly," without "lots of traffic." The neighborhood is a mix of retired residents and families with young children; an association count revealed 16 children under three and 17 of school age, she said.

As it is, she said, traffic patterns can be problematic. Friis said the street is only about 30 feet wide and that an approaching car must wait to let another pass when cars are parked on each side. Harding School parents often head down C street to turn north onto Behrens and return to Fairmont or to turn and head south.

"Behrens is the only street between Ashbury and San Pablo avenues that goes straight through to Albany," she said. "People travel through at a pretty good rate of speed."

That can be a problem for children crossing at Behrens Street and Fairmont Avenue without a crossing guard or light, as well as to older residents.

"In the morning, it takes a heck of a lot of planning to get out of your driveway."

Friis said later that Behrens Street residents have been "close knit," holding block parties, for example. The association, though, was formed in response to the middle school issue.

Charles Burrell shared with the council some of the concerns neighbors have about increased traffic problems when the school opens.

Burrell and Friis agree that a major negative impact will be created if the district pursues its plan to provide the main access to Cougar Field at the point where Spokane Avenue (an Albany street) becomes Behrens (in El Cerrito). The association has researched use of the field and found "over 200 activities" taking place annually, ranging from use by Albany High's football team to Girl Scout group folkdancing.

Adults and children will access the field through the same road those using the school will use, they said. Those wishing to park near the road will likely choose Behrens Street, they believe. Members of the Association are not opposing construction of the school but would like the district to place the main access to the school on Brighton Avenue at the Masonic Avenue end. They believe cars will then be more likely to use Brighton and Masonic avenues for parking and to use Brighton, a major connector street, for access to and

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Digging it up for the Bay Trail

Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky used a backhoe Saturday for the groundbreaking ceremony for Albany's portion of the Bay Trail. Construction of the 1/3 mile-long trail, which will run along Buchanan Street out to Albany Beach, is slated to begin this month.



Standards set for speed hump installation

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The city of El Cerrito has set standards and procedures for the installation of speed humps on local residential streets. Many residents have already requested the humps. Two neighborhoods have passed the first step of the new process. Residents of many other neighborhoods have applied for the speeding deterrents.

A series of City Council discussions were initiated. Residents of several different neighborhoods last year; the residents were concerned about speeding and other traffic problems. At that time, council members authorized staff to explore several different possibilities for reducing residents' concern about traffic, including the hiring of an additional police officer and

the installation of new stop signs and speed humps.

New, less stringent, warrants for stop sign installation were adopted by the city several months ago. Council members are continually raising the possibility of expanding the size of the city's police department, though some have questioned whether the addition of only one new traffic officer will make a significant dent in perceived traffic problems.

At the same time, expected federal grant funding for a new program will allow the department to release a sworn officer from a clerical office position to street patrol.

The City Council authorized staff to decide what to do about speed humps.

"Basically, the council said, 'Address the speed hump issues and create some guidelines,'" said Com-

munity Development Director Gerry Raycraft. "The council said speed humps are okay in 'limited application,' while recognizing that there are public safety kinds of routes, bus routes and major arterials (where they wouldn't be appropriate). We built all these things into the guidelines."

Speed humps, also called undulations, are becoming increasingly popular in cities trying to address the problems of speeding. They are lower and wider than the speed "bumps" found in parking lots; they are thus considered to be less likely to do any serious damage to speeding vehicles.

To date, the city has received requests from 30 residents for the installation of the humps in their neighborhoods.

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Albany group working to better community

Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The citizen-based group Albany Families for Multicultural Education met last week to discuss the formation of a Human Relations Commission, which would deal with racial issues in Albany.

The idea for such a commission comes, in part, in the wake of incidents at the high school last year involving racial tension and a community screening of the film "Skin Deep," focusing on how today's youth of different cultures perceive themselves and each other.

The meeting drew more than a dozen Albany residents, including councilmember Bruce Mast, Assistant City Administrator Ann Zima and Police Chief Larry Varado, and gave those present an idea of what it takes to form a HRC and what the duties of such a commission would include.

Speaking at the meeting were Alan Isabelle, formerly of the Richmond Human Relations Commission, Fred Persily of the California Association of Human Rights

Organizations (CAHRO) and James Jenkins of the Pinole Human Relations Commission.

Isabelle began by describing the background and historical basis for HRC's, taking audience members back to a time when slavery was not long forgotten and segregation was endorsed by law. Telling the audience that it is "important to remember the past without wallowing in it," Isabelle described a time in Richmond in the '60s when he was one of few black faces at City Hall and "the notion that a citizen had a right to complain (about police abuse) was not a generally accepted notion."

Isabelle described the Richmond HRC as a third party in race-based conflicts which served both as a forum where those who might not be inclined to take their complaints to the police might go as well as a mediator in cases where tensions built up to the point of violence. He said the commission once helped avoid a potentially bloody conflict between Richmond police and the Black Panthers, as well as helping

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'Save our service'

Mail clerks, represented by the American Postal Workers Union, staged an informational picket in front of the El Cerrito branch Monday to protest staff reductions and the automation of postal services, proposed by new Postmaster General Marvin Runyon.

Resident nominated for award

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The city has nominated resident Steve Price for the annual transportation award program sponsored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The award is designed to honor people, programs and agencies for contributions to Bay Area transportation.

Price is a longtime advocate of non-vehicle options in movement, whether mass transit, bicycling or walking. He has also been an outspoken proponent of designing developments and the wider community to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders, as well as cars.

Price combines his beliefs with actions, working actively as an organizer and volunteer on the Ohlone Greenway, planting trees and maintaining landscaping. He was involved with the city's successful application for funds for a bicycle garage at the Plaza BART station and has researched and organized the dissemination of information on community planning processes, among other activities.

Picture postcard contrasts

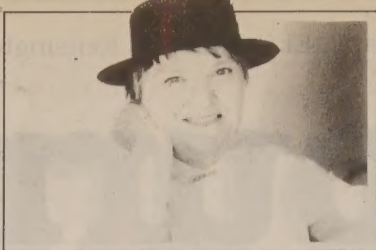
"I WANT TO GO BACK TO BALI, that island of sunny skies; You can see those scenes in magazines, but you never can see the flies." That's what the collegiate crooner Rudy Vallee used to sing about his vacation. (He also once asked the city fathers of Beverly Hills to change the name of his street to Rue de Vallee, but of course they wouldn't do it.)

Having sent everyone picture postcards of idealized sights seen on my vacation, for contrast I've put together an album of snapshots of the some scenes as they actually appeared from the streets, planes, trains and automobiles.

The Eiffel Tower, for instance, was closed. The tower powers that be, in their wisdom, had taken away the parking space of a night man and all his disgruntled fellow workers, day and night, went on strike. The Notre Dame Cathedral was covered with scaffold and net for cleaning, a good idea but not a pretty sight. A wag cleaner had washed the faces of saints and gargoyles here and there leaving some black and some white, probably in the interest of diversity.

NOWADAYS A BIGGER DRAW to the Louvre than the Winged Victory, the Venus de Milo or the Mona Lisa (hanging behind a slash-proof vault) are Icoh Meng Pei's glass pyramids. There are three of them, two small ones, through which you can see the works of the air conditioning, and one big one in the middle through which you enter to escalate down to the museum. The clash between the moderne glass and the rest of the 1775 palace is so striking I'm guessing they did it for the fun of it to lighten up the Louvre's reputation as a dull trip.

The walk from the Louvre to the Arch of Triumph makes a beeline through the Tuilerie gardens (where a band of child gypsies were attacking a Japanese tourist sitting on a bench) along the Champs Elysee and through the Place de la Concorde. The street is lined for the summer



By Phyllis Lyon

with some of the biggest and maybe the best sculptures taken from museums around town — Henry Moore, Rodin and whizbang modern sculptors unknown to me until now.

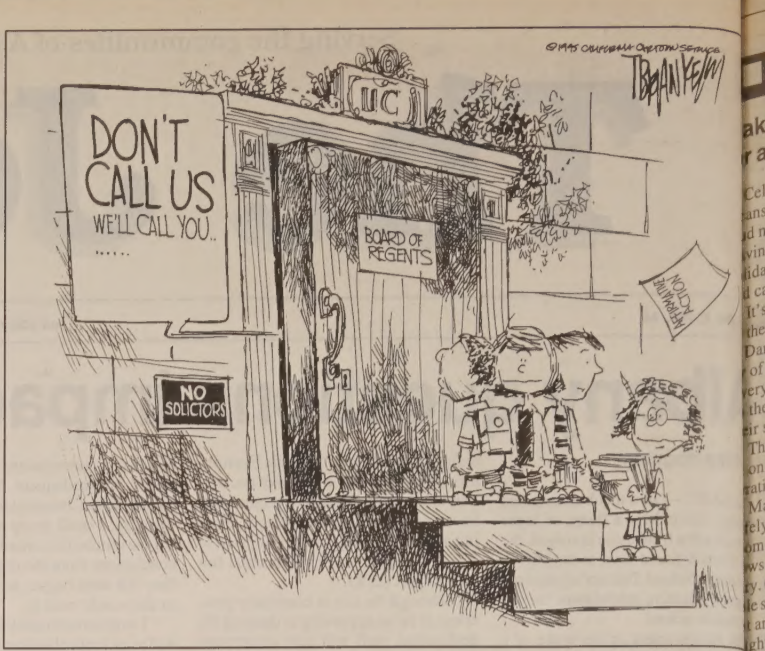
ON A LESS BEATEN PATH in the corner of the park is the relatively small L'Orangerie museum whose upper rooms house paintings of second-tier Impressionists. But in the basement is a sight so surprising, astounding and wonderful, I experienced an epiphany about being old and how to do it.

Each of two huge, oval rooms, bathed in under-pond light, is lined with one continuous 9-foot-high, panoramic painting of the water lilies of Claude Monet. Called by Monet "Les Nymphaes," the tranquil reflections in the blue-green pond were painted between ages 75 and 86 when he had retired to the country in Giverny.

SO AFTER SHOPPING at the Supermarche (and discovering you're supposed to weigh your own bananas), lounging at sidewalk cafes and seeing sight upon sight, I took the TGV train faster than a speeding bullet through the chunnel to London.

But first, a cautionary tale for anyone who may think to move from a hotel earlier than he originally planned to. You have to pay whether you stay or not, which I did, also known as an arm and a leg.

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Police Reports

Men caught stealing from parked cars in Albany

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the evening of June 26 a San Francisco man reported observing three men tampering with a 1988 Toyota parked in a parking lot on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. Officers detained the men and questioned them. A search revealed stereo equipment and other items from the Toyota in the trunk of the vehicle being driven by the men. Officers learned of another robbery of a car parked nearby and items from that robbery were also found in the trunk. The three men, two from Oakland and one from Alameda, were arrested.

Officers responded to the parking lot of a market on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a man attempting to hot-wire a red 1991 Ford Tempo on the evening of June 23. Officers found a Berkeley man who was the owner of the car and was indeed working on the ignition. A check was clear and the man was allowed to continue trying to start the car.

On the afternoon of June 23 thieves smashed the rear wing window of a 1990 Volvo Station Wagon parked on the 900 block of Peralta Avenue, stole a silver bracelet and a wallet and departed unseen.

At about 10:30 p.m. on June 24 officers located a 1989 Dodge parked on the 500 block of

Cleveland Avenue which had been reported as stolen from the El Cerrito Plaza BART parking lot. The owner was notified.

At about 7:45 a.m. on June 26 vandals threw a can through an apartment window on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue breaking the window. They departed unseen.

Just after midnight on June 26 officers responded to reports of a person driving recklessly in a parking lot on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. The driver, a Berkeley man, was contacted and found to have two warrants from Berkeley totaling \$5,635. He was arrested, cited a released to appear in Berkeley/Albany Municipal Courts.

Between 8:30 a.m. on June 25 and 10:45 a.m. on June 26 thieves stole a grill to a 1988 VW Jetta parked on the 1100 block of Portland Avenue. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of June 28 a woman on the 1000 block of Curtis Street reported that vandals had thrown eggs at the front of her house and her neighbor's house. There were no witnesses.

On the night of June 28 attackers made a U-turn in front of a residence on the 900 block of Jackson Street, stopped and threw a ball of pastry dough at a resident who was standing in their front yard. The resident was hit in the head with the dough and the attackers departed

laughing. The car was described as a white 1980 2-door hatchback and the thrower of the dough as a white male, 18 years old, wearing a white shirt. Police are investigating.

During the early morning hours of June 29 this smashed the rear window of a white 1987 Volvo SW parked on the 900 block of Peralta Avenue, stole a gym bag containing items of value and departed unseen.

On June 29 thieves broke into the Bill Lewis Teen Center, prowled the office taking petty cash and departed unseen.

On the afternoon of June 28 a woman on the 1100 block of Cornell Avenue discovered vandals had punctured the rear tire of her camper with an ice pick type tool. There were no witnesses.

Between 10 p.m. on June 28 and 8 a.m. on June 30 this broke into a 1988 Dodge Camion parked on the 700 block of Ventura Avenue, stole items from inside and departed unseen.

During the week of June 24 Albany officers fingerprinted seven people at their request, towed seven cars, responded to 19 false alarms, attended to three deceased or lost animals, assisted six people who were locked out of their house or and responded to six reports of barking dogs.

Letters to the Editor

Unreasonable demands

The Journal received a copy of the following letter sent to the Albany City Council:

How many people are getting fed up with their recyclable garbage bins being left unemptied at their curbside? Did they also fail to comply with all the instructions and found more of their precious time is being spent working on the garbage? In addition, after all the time being donated and all the garbage being stacked up in my garage, my garbage still didn't measure up to the new 12 Step Standards set by CurbCycle? If you're sorting by Albany's out-dated diagram on sorting recyclables requirements, well don't despair, recycling means money to a few and they can afford to refuse to pick up your recyclables.

On June 6, yes, I was issued something that appears to be a Citation with an Invoice No. 1149 from CurbCycle. There are 12 different excuses for not emptying the yellow or blue bins issued to Albany residents by the Waste Management of Alameda County and I guess, it out-dates the previous list of Instruction Diagram associated to the two bins for recycling our garbage. The original instructions are different from what CurbCycle lists in their Citation.

I am writing this letter to state my dissatisfaction about having too many demands placed upon my time and energy, then to be confronted with the fact that my work wasn't good enough to get the garbage bin picked up. My garage already looks like the city dumps and I don't want to start bagging it up, nor turning my garage into a fire hazard! There has to be a limit on "demands," bags of deposit cans, one bin for the bottles, plastics, cans, one bin for only newspapers, plus paper bags for the etc., see CurbCycle's Rule No. 5 which states "place only junk mail, paper bags, white and colored ledger paper, magazines, catalogs, gray chipboard packaging (such as cereal boxes) in a paper bag! The use of yellow bin is only for newspaper.

The Citation's Invoice Rule No. 8 reads, "before placing at the curb for pickup, flatten cardboard boxes (No tape please). No waxed cardboard." The word "TIED" was added in pen and labeled as the reason for the citation and that is why they could refuse to empty my recycling bin.

At Christmas time, I had refused to tie bows on the cardboard box that I had cut up, when I didn't even have the time to tie bows on my own presents. The recycle person did not empty the bin, I guess because, I had cut up the box and put it in the bin with the papers and cereal boxes. So, I ended up stuffing the contents into my garbage can with the rest of my garbage. Yet, I observed that other people's bins were being emptied with cardboard boxes in them. So, I felt maybe I could try again, just cutting up the cardboard box and hiding it under the papers and cereal boxes. For some reason, my bin was not emptied again and I ended up again,

stuffing everything into my garbage can.

Everyday I work on recycling my garbage, but I just couldn't make that last commitment, to tie a bow on the cardboard boxes. I could cut them up, but not take that last step. I was following all the other instructions, only it was easier for me to stick them in the bin after cutting them up with a razor blade. Before CurbCycle will pick up my recyclable materials, I must conform to their rules and regulations, regardless of how I feel about their taxing demands. I feel someone at the other end is making money on my time and energy. I feel I am old enough to set limits for myself and as a senior citizen my limits include my patience with people hired to do us a service. There must be something wrong, when the people we hire can find an excuse not to perform the job they were hired to do, because of the sweat off my brow!

Marilyn L. Dryer
Albany

Graduation success

On behalf of the El Cerrito High School Class of 1996 and their parents, we would like to thank the businesses of El Cerrito, Albany, Berkeley, Kensington, Pinole and Richmond; the cities of El Cerrito and Richmond; the neighbors that surround El Cerrito High School; the Lawrence Hall of Science; and all of the administrators, staff, and teachers of El Cerrito High School for making the allnight graduation party, "Space Odyssey '96: Stepping Into the Future," not only happen but be very successful.

Two hundred five out of 280 members of the graduating class attended this function. They danced, played games including volleyball, tug-of-war, arcade and casino games, enjoyed a laser light show in a portable planetarium, a hypnotist, and a fortune teller, in addition to an all-night buffet.

After a year of planning and hundreds of hours of hard work, it was rewarding to see the students enjoy themselves. In addition, each and every student's behavior throughout the night was exemplary. At the end of the party many of the students came over to the Grad Night Committee to thank us for the wonderful event.

We wish to share these thank-yous with all of the donors who made this night a memorable one. We also want to thank the El Cerrito High School Class of 1996 for their enthusiasm, manners and excellent behavior.

Ann Bettelheim
Coordinator,
El Cerrito High School
Grad Night 1996

Resident confronts residential burglary suspect

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — At attempted residential burglary was reported in the 6400 block of Alta Vista Drive between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. June 22. The male suspect took a power saw but fled without it when he was confronted by the victim.

Kit and Caboodle was burglarized June 24. Someone took cash from the register during business hours between 3:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

A commercial burglary was reported in the 2900 block of Santa Clara Avenue at about 4:55 a.m. June 18. Someone pried open a dryer's coin box in an apartment building. The thief fled before taking any coins but caused about \$150 damage to the machine.

A Richmond man was arrested in the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard at 9:25 a.m. June 14 for driving a stolen vehicle. He was also found to be in possession of cloned cellular phones.

An attempted vehicle theft was reported on Willow Avenue at Elm Street. A male suspect damaged the steering wheel of a 1984 Olds Cutlass before the victim saw him; the suspect fled on a BMX bike. The incident occurred at 10:30 p.m. June 20.

A Richmond man was seen removing an indash stereo when he was discovered by a witness. He was caught fleeing the scene at about 3:03 a.m. June 25 in the

700 block of Seaview Drive.

During the night of June 25, three vehicles were entered in the 800 block of Seaview Drive. Two unlocked vehicles were ransacked at one address; nothing was taken. At a second address, the third vehicle was ransacked and a cellular phone taken.

Five other auto burglaries or burglary attempts were reported. Between June 18 and 19, tools were taken from a metal box in the back of a pickup truck parked in the 6200 block of Cypress Avenue; the padlock was cut. The same night, someone tried to punch the door lock of a vehicle in the 1600 block of Kearney but did not enter the car.

During the night of June 24, a cellular phone was taken from a car in the 10600 block of San Pablo Avenue (a hole was cut in the convertible's top); a portable radio was taken from a lot in the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue; and a stereo was taken from the 3400 block of Carlson Boulevard.

Two cases of vehicle vandalism were reported. Someone broke the rear window of a car parked in the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue during the night of June 18.

Someone scratched the side of a car in the 600 block of Kearney Street during the night of June 25.

Two acts of residential vandalism were reported. A plate

glass window was broken when someone threw a marble through it in the 2500 block of Tuolumne Avenue between June 20 and 22. Someone broke a window by unknown means in the 2100 block of Kern Avenue between noon and 3 p.m. June 25.

Three male juveniles were seen cutting the chain to a bicycle at about 3:52 p.m. June 18 in the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard. While the witness went to tell the bike's owner the thieves fled with the bike.

Two male juveniles were seen stealing a bike in the 1100 block of Peralta Avenue at about 2:50 p.m. June 23.

Two arrests were made while driving under the influence. Richmond man was arrested at San Pablo and Peralta at 10:15 p.m.; a Berkeley man arrested at San Pablo and Peralta at 2:15 a.m. June 24.

A case of wine delivered by UPS was stolen from a porch in the 7700 block of Terracotta at about 11:10 a.m. June 14.

A San Pablo man was arrested at about 1:40 a.m. June 18 for possession of a small amount of marijuana on a street between San Pablo and Liberty.

An Oakland man was arrested for attempting to use a fictitious prescription at Lodi June 18.

A Berkeley man and a Richmond man were arrested shoplifting at Target.

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Make the holiday safe
for animal companions

Celebrating the Fourth of July with fireworks, explosions and noises that may have your pet barking the flag - a white one. The day hoopla can frighten dogs and cats to the point of revolution. It's the single most stressful day of the year for animals, according to Harris Heres, Operations Director of the Oakland SPCA. There is a high incidence of runaway pets on the Fourth as pets try to escape suddenly scary situations. That's why animals should not be in the guest list for outdoor celebrations.

Make sure all dogs and cats are indoors. Find the quietest room in the house; cover the windows with heavy blankets if necessary. Create a familiar and comfortable setting with the pet's bed/blanket and favorite toys, anything that will offer comfort.

Don't forget about birds, hamsters, and the smaller citizens of the animal nation. Their covered cages should also be isolated in quiet rooms.

For more pet information, call the Oakland SPCA, 569-0702.

School Board to meet

ALBANY — The Board of Education will here comments on its negative declaration for the closed Albany Middle School site July 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cornell Pool Multi-use room. Call 559-

6614 for further information.

City youth camps

EL CERRITO — The City of El Cerrito, located at 7007 Moers Lane, is offering a Pre-School Summer Camp program for children 21 months to 5 years old. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Thursday on a weekly basis. The fee is \$10.80 per day for residents and \$12.45 for non-residents.

Also offered is a Summer Camp for children 4 to 12 years of age. The camps run from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The fee per week is \$85.50 for residents and \$97.75 for non-residents. Please call for various locations.

There is a Surf and Turf Camp for children 11 to 14 years of age. The camps run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fee per week is \$90.25 for residents and \$102.75 for non-residents (price includes a \$5 special activity fee).

For more information, call Julie at 215-4371.

Learn to tango

Come and learn the tango at our ballroom dance class on Saturday, July 13, at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave.

The lesson is from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Class is followed by one hour of dance time, during which a full variety of dance music will be played. Class fee is \$5.

Albany presents balanced budget

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Despite cries of poverty as recently as two years ago, the city will move into the new fiscal year with a perfectly balanced budget.

The newly-balanced budget represents the first time in four years that the city will enter a new fiscal year with predictions of ending up in the black.

Although final figures are not yet in for fiscal year 1995/96, according to the new budget it is estimated that the city will have spent \$7,231 more than it took in during that time. As projected, the city will

end up with a surplus of approximately \$34,000 at the end of the 1996/97 fiscal year, a complete about face from 1994 predictions of a \$877,000 deficit.

According to city officials, the two greatest factors in achieving a balanced budget come from a \$130,000 saving in Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) costs and an insurance bill \$50,000 less than anticipated.

The PERS savings is a one-time deal which resulted from a lower rate from the state-run retirement system. PERS rates are based on the age of city employees, the number of years they have worked for

the city, anticipated raises in pay and return on investments on PERS funds. Such changes in predictions do not always work to the benefit of the city, however. If raises were higher than anticipated or investment revenue lower, the city would have to make up the shortfall out of its own pocket.

The \$50,000 insurance savings is the result of an broadening of the insurance pool which the city subscribes to. The pool recently expanded to include cities in Marin County, thus spreading the liability across a greater base and bringing down rates.

Other changes in the forecasted

budget include a \$77,000 decline in racetrack revenue, a \$34,000 increase in property tax and a \$27,000 decrease in service fees.

Although the budget for the current fiscal year is balanced, a five-year projection predicts that shortfalls will reemerge in the next few years. The projection is for a \$134,000 deficit in fiscal year 1997/98, a \$211,000 deficit in 1998/99 and a gap of \$302,000 between revenues and expenditures in 1999/2000.

If all goes as anticipated, the city should have a \$270,000 general fund balance at the end of the 1996/97 fiscal year.

First woman mayor passes away

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — El Cerrito's first woman mayor died June 18. Doris Adeline Hormel, who served as mayor in 1958-59, was 86 years old.

The El Cerrito City Council adjourned its July 1 meeting in honor of Hormel, who died of heart failure at her home in Fowler.

Hormel's term of mayoral service was a turning point for El Cerrito, which has seen many woman mayors since. It was also a time of transition for the city itself, and perhaps for the region in general.

From Lucille Irish's standpoint, Hormel "cracked the (new) mayors conference as the first female in the group of male piranhas." Irish is

well-known as the longtime city clerk in El Cerrito; during Hormel's term of office, Irish was secretary to the city manager. (She became city clerk in 1970.)

"I was very fond of her," she said. "I remember she was so energetic, a very special person. She came into my life early in my career in El Cerrito. The city's Good Government League was pretty well in place. It's fair to call it a group of 'energetic young men.' As the new female with that group, Doris broke the mold."

Her friends had encouraged her to run; among them was long-time friend Mildred Wessel, who'd worked hard with Hormel in the PTA and on various civic issues.

"When I look back, I realize we were a group of idealistic young people," she said. "Most of us who were her friends encouraged her to run for office. She was a wonderful, active person, sensitive and intelligent."

"It was the time when the Good Government League was trying to clean up what had been going on in West County. She was well-known for her honesty and integrity. I felt she would be an excellent leader. She was a conscientious person you could trust, and she had no personal ambitions. In fact, it took quite a bit of persuasion to get her to run!"

"She did a fine job, and the many accomplishments of that city council were good for the city."

There was little contention on the council or in the city at the time. Things were looking up for El Cerrito.

Mary Ellen Foley, who began working for the city in December of 1935 and retired as city clerk in December, 1970, remembers the Good Government League's crucial role in the city's new direction.

"In 1946, after the cessation of World War II, the Good Government League was formed to eliminate gambling," she says. "El Cerrito was known for its gambling at the time. The organization was formed in part as a reaction to our shady reputation; we were known as the place for night life."

In the city of El Cerrito itself, there were actually some "deluxe" night clubs providing entertainment to local residents, says Foley. They included the Rancho San Pablo, for example, a large club and dining room that brought in "really deluxe entertainment" from all over the country. Night clubs also stood at the corner of Central and San Pablo, currently the site of a dermatologist office, and on the present Payless site.

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Alta Bates Medical Center, 2500 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 204-1928. June 20 - July 18. Course on Acupressure for Health and Enjoyment. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Community Center. For more information call 215-4371. Free. July 27, Aug. 17: One-day seminars on hand and foot reflexology. 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. \$15. July 9: Healthy Pregnancy and Birth from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at First Floor Auditorium. 204-1334. Free. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 9-Aug. 29: Weigh To Go, a program designed to help people balance food and exercise for weight loss, from 4-5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 3. 204-1928. \$275. \$25 refund if you lose %3 body fat, plus \$25 refund for attending all classes.

Avatar Toastmasters. Thursdays: Public Speaking Skills and metaphysics come together. 2515 Hillegass and Dwight, Berkeley, at 6:15 p.m., 643-7645, 848-6510.

Barnes & Noble, 2352 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. July 11: Helen M. Fisher will read and talk about *From Erin with Love: Knowledge of Life After Death* at 7:30 p.m.

Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club is open daily 9:30-3:30 except Monday and Thursday. Free instruction is available each Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m.-noon 841-2174.

Berkeley Hiking Club. July 7: 6-7 mile Joaquin Miller hike. 523-4631. Mini hike - Ross Rambles. 415-492-2447.

Berkeley Macintosh Users Group (the world's largest) offers free Mac classes to the public every Tuesday, 7-10 p.m. 549-2684.

Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Avenue at Vine, Berkeley. All events are free and at 7:30 p.m. unless they are not. July 9: Michael Parenti, author of *Dirty Truths*.

Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley. July 7: Fibers and Dyes from Nature, an afternoon-long exhibit of

natural fibers and dyes and the plants they come from. Noon til 4 p.m. 642-3343.

CityRock Rock climbing, 1250 45th St., Emeryville. 654-2510. Children's Rock Climbing Summer Day Camps: July 8-12: Ages 8-10 years, from 2-5 p.m. Ages 11-13 years, from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Contra Costa Hills Club. July 7: Five-mile hike on Marin Headlands; Pt. Bonita Lighthouse visit. 455-5210.

Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore at 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-3533. Also at 1617 Locust St., Walnut Creek. 947-6660. All events at 7:30 p.m. July 9: Packing Demonstration at Walnut Creek location. July 10: Global Exchange: Travel to Cuba at Berkeley location.

East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society sponsors regular hikes, lectures and activities. Visit their web site under keywords: "California Native Plant Society." 464-4977. July 6: Field trip to Montara Mountain, San Pedro Valley County Park, Pacifica, at 9:30 a.m. 548-8554.

Farmer's Market, Saturdays on Center St. at MLK, Jr. Way, Berkeley. July 6: Interdependence Day Celebration and Dave Lippman Farewell Concert, featuring Dave himself, Rebecca Riots, Lee Golan, Shadow Gov., and Jessica Bryant. Free.

East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse, 6713 San Pablo Ave., Oakland. 655-6628. Trash to Treasure junk art competition. Winners to be picked July 15.

The El Cerrito Community Center at 7007 Mooser Ln., El Cerrito. 215-4371. June 1-July 6, and July 13 to Aug. 17: Bridge classes, \$30 pre-registration required. 10 a.m. to noon. 233-5401. June 21-July 19: Salsa Dance Classes at the Skylight room of the E.C. Community center. O'clock: Beginners, 8-9 Intermediate. \$20 per month, \$7 drop-in. June 21 to July 19: Beginning Ballroom Dancing at the Skylight room. No partner

needed. O'clock: 10 a.m. to 12 noon. July 27, Aug. 17: Hand and Foot Reflexology from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. \$15. June 20 to July 18: Acupressure for health and enjoyment from 7 to 9 p.m. July 6, Aug. 3: How to Avoid Dishonest Mechanics, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. \$20.

Finish Hall, 1819, 10th St. and Hearst, will begin offering art classes to children of all ages on June 21. Also classes for adults. 528-9090.

International Folk Dance Classes meet Fridays from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains, \$3.547-6355 or 769-9759.

Israeli folk dancing 8 to midnight Wednesdays at El Cerrito Veterans Building, 6401 Stockton, El Cerrito. 231-0959.

Kensington 55-plus Activity Center, open Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146. Free Blood Pressure Check, 9:30 - 11 a.m. July 11: Louise Le Cam of the Lindsay Museum in Walnut Creek, brings wild birds and small animals and slides, at 11 a.m.

KPFA. July 4: 9 a.m. Democracy Now! Radio Nation at 1 p.m. Cover to Cover featuring William Kennedy. We The People with Jerry Brown at 4 p.m. July 5: 9 a.m. Democracy Now! Cover to Cover: Growing Old Disgracefully at 3 p.m. We The People... at 4 p.m. July 7: "Minds Over Matter" from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Golden Age of Radio Revisited from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

National Association for the Self-Employed. 237-1962. Call for info or next free meeting.

Nautilus Institute, 1831 Second St., Berkeley. 204-9296. July 11: "U.S.-North Korean Relations and Northeast Asian Security," with Peter Hayes, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Please RSVP.

North Berkeley Senior Center at 1901 Hears/ MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107. Health Insurance Counseling on first and third Wednesdays every month. July 5:

Video Opera, "Masked Ball" at 1 p.m. July 8: Dr. McGillis: Skin—dryness, moles, spots, rashes, burns, bites, etc. at 10:30 a.m. Classical Piano: Steve Arntson plays Brahms and Chopin at 1:15 p.m. July 9: Money Talk: financial and investment strategy with Jack Burt at 1 p.m. July 10: Unmasking Depression, group discussion with Allen Grill, MFCC, at 10:30 p.m. July 11: Travel Video, "Czechoslovakia" at 1 p.m. Argentina Tango, every Thursday 2-3 p.m. Ballroom Lessons every Monday 1:15 p.m.

Pacific Film Archive, at 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley, presents "Illuminating Ingmar Bergman." July 9, 7:30 p.m.: Video Documentary: Argentina, Brazil and Chile. From Argentina: *The Arrow of Zeno* by Jorge Macchi and David Oubina, *Heliography* by Claudio Caldini, *Model Crime Reconstructed* by Fabian Hoffman and Andres Di Tella. From Brazil: *Video in the Villages* by Vincent Carelli, *Portrait of a Serial Killer* by Carlos Nader. From Chile: *The Day of Roto Chileno* by Claudio Rojas, *Case Closed* by Lotty Rosenfeld, *Red for the Lips* by Pablo Basulto. July 11: *The Seventh Seal* at 7 p.m. *Wild Strawberries* at 8:50 p.m.

REI, 1338 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. Preregister for REI Indoor Climbing School, \$40 members, \$70 non members. 527-4140.

University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370. Drop-in support groups for job seekers and career changers meet Monday mornings 10 to 12 noon and Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$5 members 10\$ non-members. July 9: Careers in the Non-Profit Sector: Jobs in Development and Fundraising from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Performances

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 525-5054. July 4: Warbird and Drum Circle 2000 at 9 p.m. \$5. July 5: West African Highlife Band at 9:30. \$8. July 6: The Sidewinders at 9:30 p.m. \$7. July 7: Dave Lippman at 8 p.m. \$6.

July 9: dance lesson at 8 p.m. Dotgals at 8:30. \$5. July 10: Cajun dance lesson at 8 p.m. Zydeco Magic at 9 p.m. \$5. July 11. Western Swing lesson at 8 p.m. Lost Weekend at 9 p.m. \$7.

Aztlan Records. July 12: Orix at Berkeley Square (La Rockola) at 9:30 p.m. \$10. 238-9370. 415-821-7559.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre. July 5 through Aug. 10: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. 8 p.m. Fri/Sat 2 p.m. Sun. \$12 adults \$6 youth. 524-9132.

Dave Lippman, political satirist. July 6: Farmer's Market, Center and MLK, Berkeley, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 7: Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley, 8 p.m., \$5-8.

Freight and Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley, 548-1761. Music at 8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 8:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday. July 5: Nine Days Old. July 6: Motherlode. \$9.50 adv/ \$10 door. July 10: The Baguette Quartette w/ Odile Lavault. \$11.50/ \$12.50. July 11: Mary McCaslin, Jon Wilcox. \$9.50/ \$10.50.

Jupiter at 2181 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. July 28: Hiratos, at 5 p.m. Andre Bush record-release party, 8 p.m. June 29: Scott Foster Quartet at 8 p.m. No cover.

La Pena Cultural Center, 1305 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568. July 5: Rebecca Riots at 8 p.m. \$6. July 6: Mystic Journeyman at 8 p.m. \$5. July 7: Word of Mouth at 8 p.m. \$8. July 11/12: Benefit readings of "Pieces of the Quilt" at 8 p.m. \$6-8.

Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-3228. July 7: Noel Jewkes, saxophone, and Al Plank, piano, play jazz standards and originals. \$20.

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Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. July 2 - 5: Michael Franks. \$28. One show Tue/Thu. Two shows Wed/Fri. July 6, 7: Danilo Perez Trio. Peter Apfelbaum. \$16. 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Religious Activities

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Avenue, Albany. 7: The Rev. Laurie Willis will preside from Matt. 11. The monthly potluck breakfast will be at 9 a.m. with a collection of nonperishable food items for the pantries.

Environmentally Safe Buddhism. Meditation Group seeks new members. Please call Barbara at 525-6574.

Nyningma Institute, 1815 Hight Place Berkeley. 843-6812. Every Sunday July 7 - 28 and Aug. 4 - 25: The Chanting from 5-6 p.m. Free. Sunday Morning Kum Nye Relaxation from 9 a.m. to noon. \$10. Every Wednesday June 3 - 31 and July 7 - 28: Introduction to Kum Nye from 7-9 p.m. \$15. June lecture: "What is Meditation?" July 7: Buddhist Philosophy: "The Perfection of Giving" Zala Wallace. **Sri Chinmoy Meditation Center** offers free meditation workshops in Berkeley. 540-4114.

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar and Broadway, Berkeley. 841-4824. July 7: "Thomas Jefferson: on the 225th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence," at 10:30 a.m. Children's Summer Program: exploring the Japanese summer celebration.

Exhibits

Albany Community Center Gallery Through Sept. 30: "Another Day in Life of Albany." 524-9283.

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Fireworks would have been in order to celebrate the groundbreaking for the Albany Trail held last Saturday at the 1000 Buchanan Street. Instead, borrowed a back hoe and actually started ripping up chunks of Buchanan Street. Tearing up asphalt and planting green! A great way to spend a sunny Saturday morning.

About 80 people showed up for groundbreaking ceremony — actual construction work will begin in about two weeks and be in late October — a pretty good turnout and measure of support for this first-of-its-kind project in Albany.

Assemblyman Tom Bates acknowledged Albany's leadership in forging ahead with the Bay Trail, which is an important piece of the Eastshore State Park.

Speakers from the East Bay Regional Park District, The Coastal Conservancy, Citizens for the East Bay State Park, and others all used our efforts to create guaranteed access for all members of community to our waterfront. But this occasion marks more

than the installation of a short stretch of trail.

Its placement virtually guarantees that the 70 unpaved acres on the waterfront will remain as open space. This 80-foot-wide buffer separates the race track parking lots from the old dump with a band of green space.

Any kind of commercial development on the old dump — which has sprouted a handsome crown of greenery chock-full of wildlife — will now be extremely difficult and is highly unlikely. This is a major battle won.

A stroll out to the tip of the landfill and back on Saturday with East Bay Regional Parks' Executive Director Pat O'Brien certainly confirmed the victory won for open space, as the Albany landfill takes on increasing glamour (if a landfill can ever be said to be glamorous) as the soon-to-be crown jewel in the East Shore State Park. With the Bay Trail drawing a line in the sand between paved and unpaved, the unpaved seems very likely to stay that way.

Not so long ago Santa Fe Development Company (which rein-

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mike Brodsky
Albany



vented itself as the less sinister-sounding Catellus) tried to push through a project which would have carpeted the old dump site with intense development. That hotly disputed plan can now be placed securely in the circular file, as Catellus' most ambitious plan for the Albany waterfront is to sell its portion of the old dump to the East Bay Regional Park District for use as open space.

Catellus may actually be interested in commercial development at the University Village site on

San Pablo Avenue — a much more appropriate place and one where their efforts would be welcome. Quite a turn of events.

Look for the grand opening of the Bay Trail in late October or early November, and look to the hardworking Albany Waterfront Committee to start hatching plans for Bay Trail Phase Two, a short segment needed to connect up with the Albany Beach.

We're on a roll; let's keep breaking ground and blazing those waterfront trails.

Obituary

Alice Charlesworthy

Alice Elizabeth Charlesworthy died June 23, at age 78. Born and raised in Napa, in recent years she lived in El Cerrito. A remarkable and spirited woman and a fine teacher by profession, Alice was greatly enjoyed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter,

Pat Talbert of Oakland, and her son, Gregory Charlesworthy of Kettering, Ohio, her dear sister, Wilma Keig of Napa, a large and caring family, and many loving friends.

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Public's right to access questioned

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — It would appear that the Albany Unified School District violated public access requirements by refusing to release copies of audio recordings of their April 30 meeting.

Albany resident Dave McMahon, who was arrested at the meeting for attempting to display trash collected around the high school, has made two formal requests for the recordings under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Section 54953.5 of the California act governs the public's rights in meetings of legislative bodies, specifies that "Any tape or film record of an open and public meeting made for whatever purpose by or at the direction of the local agency shall be subject to inspection (and) shall be provided without charge on a tape player made available by the local agency."

The act specifies that such recordings be maintained for 30 days before reuse or destruction.

Superintendent Dale Hudson said at the meeting that at the advice of district attorneys the tapes will not be provided.

"We don't intend to provide the tape recordings. We do intend to supply the minutes," he said.

When McMahon pursued further explanation, School Boardmember Ed McManus said "it would also be a violation of the Brown Act for us to discuss this matter. If Mr. McMahon would like to request the item be agendized" the board would discuss the matter then.

Hudson went on to add that "the School Board for years has used tapes to transcribe minutes. The School District has not and is not going to maintain a separate tape file. They (the tapes) are used over and over again."

However, he also conceded that the tapes of the April 30 meeting had not been recorded over as of June 25. In addition, Hudson said the minutes of the meeting must be approved by the board before release to the public, which for the April 30 minutes was set for June 25.

In a subsequent interview Monday, Hudson said he was advised that tapes of meetings made expressly for the purpose of developing minutes of the meeting may not be considered public record but "it's

a legal point I'm not anxious to get into a discussion about."

When pressed on the what if any policy the district follows with regard to public access to meeting tapes, Hudson said "Mr. McMahon is certainly free to pay for reproduction of the tapes."

"This is the first time we've had that request. It's just so new to us, I'm sure if someone came in and wanted to listen to the tape we'd accommodate that."

"Mr. McMahon was coming at the district with such animation and bluster it probably took us off guard," he said.

Students' right to vote

In other news, student representative to the board have moved up in the ranks and are now officially classified as student board members with the right to preferential voting on board matters. While the votes will not be counted, they will be recorded.

"As it (was) we can come to the meeting and have our comments but there (wasn't) a recorded student position on each issues," departing Student Boardmember Brian Schweitzer said.

Continuing Student Boardmember Michal Schakow said the new designation is significant for high school students.

"I think it's an incredibly important step for the district to take. It's something many district in California have. Albany is establishing itself as a progressive district. It's just a purely symbolic action but it speaks volumes," he said.

In order to show support for the change, which was spearheaded by former student representatives Lucy Vois and Moira Hess, 10 percent of the high school enrollment signed a petition in favor of the new designation.

The designation was approved at the June 7 meeting and changes to existing the policy on student representation were approved June 25.

Schakow will continue as a student board member in the 1996/97 school year and AHS junior Ariel Rubin was appointed June 25 to fill Schweitzer's seat, a graduating senior.

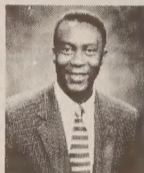
School Board President Alan Riffer, along with other board members, lauded the student effort for increased responsibility during board meetings. Under the new designation, student board members will cast advisory votes on all action items before the board.

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Health Talk

Keeping Feet Fit

by William Cimino, MD & Wesley Endo, DPM

The foot is an amazing structure. Not much larger in area than a salad plate, each foot must bear the burden of all the body's weight, and then some. When you walk or run, your feet are subjected to—or abused by—four to eight times your body weight at each footstrike. And yet healthy feet live under all that stress and strain, at least when we treat them right.

The problem is too many of us don't treat our feet as well as we would. We drop things on them. We tramp them against chairs. We walk around on grungy, damp floors on which all sorts of germs lurk. And then, much too often, we stuff our feet into shoes that don't fit.

In fact, tight shoes are by far the most common cause of foot problems, especially among women. Unfortunately, many of the more stylish shoes are the most offenders. They're too narrow in the toes, causing excessive pressure on the feet. Over a period of months or years, the constant irritation results in a bony, bony growth at the base of the toe—a bunion.

But tight shoes and even stockings are too tight can cause a variety of other ailments as well, including grown toenails and hammer toes, a sometimes painful condition in which curled toes curl downward. Corns and calluses—thickened pads of skin may also develop where the feet rub and again against tight shoes.

There's plenty you can do to keep your feet in good shape, though. Here are a few simple foot-friendly tips:

- Make sure your shoes fit properly. Means wear shoes with a toe box big enough so that you can "wiggle" your toes when your shoes are on. The sole of the shoe should give you plenty of support, and the heel of the shoe should fit snugly. Ask for a

"mixed last" shoe; that's a shoe in which the toe is wider than the heel. Running and walking shoes are another option.

- Of course, chances are a shoe that fits properly is probably not going to be the most stylish shoe. The solution? Keep two pairs handy: wear your comfortable shoes as much as possible, and don your "dress" shoes for those times when nothing else will do.

- Have your feet measured every time you buy new shoes. That's because feet change—over the years, they tend to get wider and longer. You're headed for trouble if you ask for the same size year after year without checking to see what size your feet really are.

- Wash your feet and use foot powder every day. This is important to prevent infections like athlete's foot. Wear cotton or wool socks.

- If you have problems with your circulation caused by conditions such as diabetes or peripheral vascular disease—narrowed arteries in your legs—you'll need to be especially careful with your feet. Inspect them every day for sores that may not be healing. Trim your nails carefully. If you have trouble seeing, have someone do it for you.

William Cimino, MD, is an orthopedist and Wesley Endo, DPM, is a podiatrist; both are on the staff at Summit Medical Center.

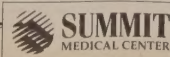
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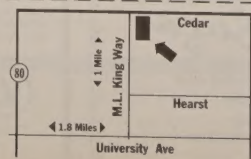
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The local resident behind the hand-painted scarves

Have you noticed those very lovely hand-painted scarves in the foyer of the Albany Community Center? Yes, they are in the case against the south wall. Beautiful, aren't they? They are the work of Lotus Tanabe, a resident of Gateview in Albany, a lover of things beautiful and creative.

I first met Lotus when she was making absolutely beautiful wedding albums, and offered them for sale at the complex. In fact, I was so taken with them that I purchased one to fill with family pictures for a sick relative. She loved it.

Lotus still makes the wedding albums. It is one of her specialties. And she does other art and crafts, also. One of the things I admired at a recent visit was her painting on silk — absolutely lovely. She was busy on one that I particularly admired. Her home is a gallery of her work. It is obvious that her husband is as enamored of it as she and I.

Lotus is a local girl in every sense. She was born in San Francisco, of Chinese ancestry. Her husband, Frank, born in Berkeley, is of Japanese ancestry. It is because of his background that they visited Japan not too long ago. The visit made a great impression upon her. In fact, the picture accompanying this story was taken in the Asakusa Temple in Tokyo, and she is shown patting her hair in a gesture of respect taught her during that visit. She also found some very lovely material which she used for an unusual wedding album.

Lotus went to school in San Francisco and attended San Francisco State University, majoring in education and minoring in liberal studies with emphasis on interior design.

She earned her teacher's credential, and taught for a while, but then moved into the insurance business, where she met her husband. He continues to work in that field. Restless, she moved into the field of computers, working for a distributor of computer products. But she found herself burned out and took time out from work to return to her first love, arts and crafts.

"I have worked with arts and crafts for a very long time, but never took it seriously," she notes. Now, however, she has become involved with the Art Guild of El Sobrante, and has become more and more serious about her work.

She speaks highly of the El Sobrante Art Guild, which, she tells us, provides scholarships for West Contra Costa school district students, as well as having shows of their work throughout the district and

several times during the year. Lotus participates, for the most part, in their Christmas shows.

Although continuing her work with wedding albums and hand-painted scarves, she has moved more into the field of fine arts now, which accounts for her work in silk painting.

She delighted in telling me how her present exhibit came about. She was in the center, admiring the cards which were on exhibit at the time. When she asked how one became an exhibitor she was told to "give Tanna a call." She did and was most impressed by her. At the time of their appointment she brought with her some silk wall paintings. "Do you do anything besides large wall paintings?" Well, I do hand-painted scarves." "Bring them in." Tanna was impressed with Lotus' work and declared herself happy to have them on exhibit.

Lotus studied figure-drawing while in high school and later worked with clay. She never felt she was particularly good, and didn't pursue it. She thought she could never make a living with art, but felt it all around her. It is everywhere, she feels, in the way we dress, the way we look at things, the way we select things, and a way to find peace and harmony in the world. And an artist draws because it is a way of remembering, a way to retain memories. Actually, she says, she started making her wedding albums as a way of keeping memories alive.

Lotus wants to join other art guilds because she feels that is one way of learning, and she never stops learning. She takes classes at Contra Costa College, at Albany adult school and at Richmond adult school — anywhere where something interests her. She admits there is an Asian influence in her work, but was surprised when I found it a major thrust.

Lotus and her husband enjoy sports, he helps ready her work for display, and they enjoy living in the area near where they both grew up.

A talented woman, modest in her assessment of herself and her work, she is starry-eyed over the exhibit of her very lovely scarves.

Speaking of art and the Library/Community Center, we have been notified that the next exhibit to be held in the gallery of the center will be called "Another Day in the Life of Albany." It is photographs taken in and around Albany by the photography class that calls itself the VIP Associates. The class is taught by Dorothy Mayers, and meets in the Albany Senior Center every Wednesday morning.

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



Sarah Houghton, one of the students in the class, tells of the enjoyment of wandering the city taking pictures. One of hers will hang in the gallery. Many of the students have been in the class for some time, and they speak highly of the work done there.

"Another Day in the Life of Albany" will be on exhibit from July 2 through Sept. 30. A reception for the artists and the public will be held on July 7 at the center, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Albany Arts Committee does a fine job with their exhibits, each one different and each one quite exciting. We look forward to this.

As noted, I have known Lotus Tanabe for some time, and was surprised when I met her at the

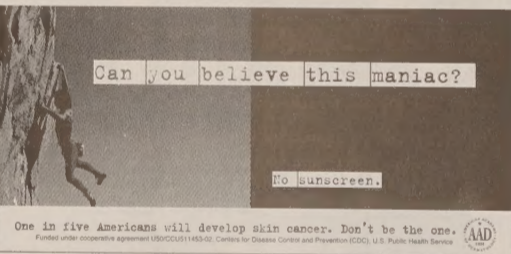
center the day she put up her exhibit of scarves — surprised, but delighted.

As always, I invite all of you to give me your input (and forgive me if I don't get to them right away, but, thanks to many kind readers, I have quite a file of them. If there is a reason — a book reading, an art exhibit, or other time-related matter, I do sometimes do them out of turn. But I do usually get to all of them, and am so grateful that you take an interest and give me your ideas.

Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585. You can also e-mail me at CRGenser@aol.com.



Lotus Tanabe at the Asakusa Temple in Tokyo.



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The game on Thursday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. will be the monthly barometer game where 24 pre-

dealt hands will be played, entry for this special event per person.

The Live Oak Duplicate Bridge Club holds its games at Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, every Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 p.m.; call 223-6539. Less indicated, entry fees per person and the games last about three hours. All are come.

Lyon

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To my dismay, the lions that guard the British Museum were lying beheaded behind the building and an artist's rendering of what the place will look like after modernization were on display in the foyer, the architectural equivalent of the Louvre's pyramids, alas. Although the insides are partly closed off by plywood, you can still look in wonder at music and manuscripts written by the very hands of Mozart, Beethoven, Trollope, Dickens, Austen and other greats, not a cheap thrill by half.

THE PLAY'S THE THING TOURISTWISE in London and this summer every theater is playing everything ever produced by Andrew Lloyd Webber, who I would not personally listen to if he came over to my house to sing it himself. Out of morbid curiosity I suppose, I saw "Chapter Two"

with Sharon Gless who, having gotten plumper than even TV Daley, spent her time on stage clutching at her oversized raincoat.

And I saw a review fraught with college humor called "Reduced Shakespeare," advertised as running through the Bard's complete canon in minutes. I should have been suspicious when they opened saying that among the people who wouldn't like it were the who have a BA in English from UCB.

WHILE I WAS AWAY I taped 12 Jeopardy's, the man my VCR will do on extended play. One of the answers was "The most popular country in the world." The question was "What is France?" Turns out 55,000,000 tourists about the population of the country, land there every year when they hadn't all been there when I was.

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Obituaries

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Passed away at her home in Albany of natural causes on Sunday, June 23, 1996 at the age of 89. A native of Germany, she resided in Albany, for 60 years. Marga Blume immigrated to the U.S. in 1925 where she spent 50 years as a homemaker. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in El Cerrito. Marga A. Blume is the beloved wife of the late August F. Blume and is survived by her loving daughters; Norma Hjelium of Richmond and Margot Werle of St. Helena, CA, devoted sisters; Anny Eckert of Guerneville and Gertrude Crass of Martinez, adoring grandchildren; Lorna Hjelium of Davis, Lisa Semas of Santa Rosa, Linda Vallin of Chester, CA, Kenneth Werle of St. Helena, and 3 great-grandchildren.

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■ West County School Watch

By Glen Price

Playground Power

Because universal free public education is one of our democracy's fundamental building blocks, I thought today, Independence Day, would be an excellent moment to reflect on our system of public education and to offer up a modest but potentially powerful proposal to improve conditions in our local schools.

Here in California, our public education system, once the pride of our state, is in deep crisis. Closer to home, in our West County school district, the lasting effects of the bankruptcy suffered in 1991 place children in our local schools at a further disadvantage.

These problems have deep roots and, unfortunately, no one

has a magic wand which will make them simply disappear. However, there is an antidote to the crisis. It is not glamorous and it requires a lot of hard work. It is slow, but like the famous tortoise who raced and beat the hare, it comes in first.

Study after study and, better yet, local experience, have shown that sustained parent and community support is one of the keys to turning around schools in decline. Local action alone

won't solve all of our problems — our state and federal representatives need to stop attacking the system and start looking for better ways to build a strong financial base for public education.

However, the good news about building parent and community support for our schools is that we can do it with resources which are totally ours: our time, creative energy and the love we have for the

children and youth in our neighborhoods. As a firm believer in direct action and grass-roots community organizing, I refuse to blame inert portions of our school district bureaucracy for deficiencies in community support for our schools. The choice whether to mobilize in support of our schools resides within us.

However, when the district has the opportunity to use its

resources to further the process of building community support for schools it should make every effort to do so. The stakes are simply too high not to.

Several years ago, the district established the Maintenance and Recreation Assessment District (MRAD) and began collecting local revenues based on a \$72 per parcel assessment for homeowners in the district. Recently, the district began using some of these funds to improve recreational facilities school sites and on Wednesday June 5, the School Board approved a new contract, funded with MRAD funds, to install playground equipment at 26 elementary schools.

All told, according to Deputy Superintendent Dr. Santiago Wood, the district will spend approximately \$1 million dollars of MRAD funds from the current and previous fiscal year to improve playground and recreational facilities at our schools. According to Mr. Wood, all schools will receive the same amount of funding, approximately \$20,000.

Most play equipment at elementary school sites in the WCCUSD is old and suffers from age and deferred maintenance. Those familiar with these conditions welcome district actions to improve the safety and welfare of students on school playgrounds. However, parents, teachers and administrators were at times surprised during the 1995-96 school year to discover new items on their playgrounds, like new concrete boxes installed by the district without prior consultation.

However, the MRAD funds destined for use at school sites for playground improvements could have great potential, not for mystifying parents and community, but to build their greater involvement in the schools.

I propose that authority over the portion of MRAD funds designated for playground and recreational facility improvement be handed directly to the School Site Councils, the coordinating body at each school which brings together parents, faculty and administration. People at the school site are in the best position to design and evaluate playground equipment. Providing each school with an equivalent allocation clarifies what has been at best a muddy picture to date as to where and for what these funds are being invested in. Our site councils and existing parent and community support organizations are responsible groups. Some may wish to simply sign on to the district's existing plans. Others may wish to create different kinds of improvements for their playgrounds. Still others may be able to further leverage MRAD funds, like El Sobrante Elementary School which combined County R-9 funds with MRAD dollars last year. Of course, in all cases the design and safety features of all playground plans should be signed off on by district facility staff.

Giving the schools authority over these funds provides the opportunity to build parent and community involvement around

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Viewpoint

School safety petition extended

The following is a reprint of a viewpoint column which ran last week under the wrong heading.

To give parents and residents an opportunity to express their view on the priority of retrofitting the Albany schools, Retrofit Albany Schools Now is extending the petition drive until Sept. 17.

The petition text states:

"Three years ago, voters in Albany approved the School Bond Measure which specified that funds would be spent on existing site improvement, which included adding classrooms and completing seismic upgrading, and building a new middle school. Common sense and concern for human safety dictate that retrofitting take priority over new construction projects. Our schools need seismic upgrading. There have been too many delays."

"We, the undersigned, ask the Albany School District to have a full, detailed seismic evaluation of all Albany school sites completed now, and have the required seismic retrofitting follow immediately."

The Albany School District continues to delay the seismic retrofit program for existing

school buildings. Albany parents are still kept in the dark. To this day the Albany School District has not ordered its structural engineer to assign risk levels of its school facilities.

This is a fundamental first step to understand real urgency and extent for seismic retrofitting work required at each school site. No realistic master plan is possible without this information.

Albany Schools Superintendent Dale Hudson failed to request answers from the district's structural engineer, on whether risk levels had been assigned, as promised at the community forum on April 24 within two weeks. No such contact was made by the Albany Unified School District's office.

Mr. Wiley confirmed with Mr. Steve Brokken, an Albany resident, a structural engineer and a supporter of Retrofit Albany Schools Now, that by the end of May, neither the Albany School District nor the district's architect, Mr. Ken Kersh, had directed any requests to him asking for risk-level assignments.

At that same community forum, Mr. Hudson was

confident that the master plan for all bond-related construction would be ready for public review by the end of May 1996.

All those concerns would be out in the open. "People should know that we have no good reasons to conceal information from the public," he said at the Community Forum on April 24.

Jacques Berchten, a leading member of Retrofit Albany Schools Now, states: "To this day, the public has been kept in the dark on the real seismic condition of Albany schools. This is too great a gamble with Albany school kids. The issue is to save lives. Common sense for human safety dictates that existing schools be taken care of first."

Another three-month delay has already been caused, due to

the lack of realistic estimates since the last K-12 facilities meeting on March 7, when the budget for retrofitting the high school doubled. As a result each school site committee had to go back and rework their budgets for new construction.

In addition, the districtwide master plan draft review has now been further delayed to June or July (*West County Times*, May 23).

If the current district's estimates are maintained, the completion of the retrofitting work is not scheduled before the year 2005.

A new middle school is planned to open in 1998, absorbing the same bond money approved by Albany voters for districtwide improvements in 1993.

EC Chamber

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new homeowner policies — he represents six companies still doing business in the field.

In addition, he adds, many of these companies still offer discounts on homeowners insurance for specific features such as central-station alarm systems, loss-free history, stable employment record, new homes, and senior citizen status.

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Also included are coupons for savings at a number of restaurants, as well as discounts for shopping, golf, sports-fishing, tours, transportation and entertainment.

Mayor

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Foley also recalls Hormel as "a lovely lady" who brought her own strong influence with her to the organization and to the community.

She was also the mayor who was privileged to preside over the opening of the El Cerrito Plaza.

"It was a really neat, big deal," says her son, Lynn Foley. "The newspaper had a big picture of a little girl and boy eating a banana split at Kirby's restaurant. The boy in the picture was my brother."

Hormel created her own picture. "I remember her sitting in the grandstand, dressed in a navy blue and white polka dot dress, with a white hat and white gloves," says Irish. "I don't think I ever think of her when I don't think of that event and how proud I was of that lady that day."

"I remember it like it was yesterday."

brother, Roger, was born in 1946.

"My mother and father had married in 1929 during the depression," Lynn recalls. "My father was a proud man and would not allow her to be employed outside the home; sometimes it meant he had to work two or three jobs."

"My mother catered to the three men in her life, my father, my brother and myself. She ironed all our clothes, she made sure there was breakfast on the table, even if it meant getting up at 3 a.m."

"She was always with her boys. I delivered papers, and she'd help me fold them and take me around if I was behind. She'd play catch with me."

"My brother was the auto mechanic. She'd crawl under the hood, hand him tools, whatever. She'd do all those kinds of things."

Hormel also became involved in her sons' education. The couple had built a home in El Cerrito, on the corner of Waldo and Richmond, in the early part of 1941. In 1945, the family moved to Berkeley.

"I don't know why, but that only lasted six months," says Lynn. "They moved back to El Cerrito in 1946 and lived on Fairmont Avenue until March of 1991, when they moved to Fowler."

Hormel became involved in the Harding PTA when Lynn and Roger were students.

"She went through all the chairmanships and served as president," says Lynn. "It was through the urging of Mildred and other friends at that time that she ran for city council in 1956, on the slate endorsed by the Good Government League."

According to her son and her friends, Hormel retained her traditional values and approach to life while serving effectively as the head of the city's government.

"She loved to be catered to, but she was tough as nails," he recalls. "She believed she could come off as a lady but could still get the job done."

Lynn found that his mother used some of the same approach at home as she did in political office.

"My mother was always the confessor," he says. "Many of my friends and friends of my brother would come to our home and take

Playground

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a real, concrete project that can clearly be perceived as being of benefit to all of the community's children. The MRAD funds already slated for use on our schools' playgrounds come out of our community and, hence, are not subject to the myriad constraints surrounding categorical state grant programs.

And what could be a better place for the school community to rally around than the playground?

Last week, Congressman George Miller addressed the need to build community support and organization based on concrete action in a speech before the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council "People want to see results. After they have successfully accomplished something concrete you can build on that to build a solid core of support." Miller knows whereof he speaks. He was on hand last year when the George Miller Foundation joined forces with Local One and the Iron

Workers Union to build new play structures for two local Richmond schools.

As we enjoy this July 4th with our family and friends perhaps we can set our sights toward Earth Day 1997 as a moment when we can celebrate the refurbishment of all of our school playgrounds, an action accomplished by concerned school communities backed by a school district willing to use funds generated out of the community to invest in the long-term future of our most precious resource, our children and youth.

The stakes are high as educator Deborah Meier noted in her book *The Power of Their Ideas*, "Schools embody the dreams we have for our children. All of them. These dreams must remain public property."

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Hormel was born in Lower Lake, California on March 20, 1910. She grew up in the Central Valley and graduated from Parlier High School. After attending the University of Southern California for almost a year, she dropped out and returned to the Bay Area. After finding work, she met and married Wilbert Hormel (known as "Bill"). They were both 19 years old; the marriage lasted 61 years.

Wilbert Hormel died in April of 1991, soon after the couple had moved from El Cerrito to Fowler to be closer to their sons and their families.

Hormel pursued a variety of different interests in life. Probably his most significant business pursuit involved his Emeryville company, Grove Valve and Regulator, which became instrumental in supplying rocket ship parts, such as pressure regulators, during the early stages of the space exploration program in the U.S.

The couple's first child was born in 1936; he died three days later.

"I always wondered why my mother was so sad every February 12," says Lynn Hormel. "I finally figured out that February 12 is when he was born."

But the couple had two sons to whom Doris Hormel devoted herself. Lynn was born in 1940; his

council from my mom. She was a great listener; she never passed judgment."

"She carried those qualities into public service as well. She was very thorough in everything she took on, and she listened to every side. I remember she would get the agenda for Monday night several days ahead, and she would research everything. If there was a variance being requested, for example, she'd drive around town and look at everything, study the issues and seek council from those involved so she could make an intelligent decision."

"It was very common for various city employees to come by the house and 'solicit her favors.' Not in a negative way but just to present their points; she always listened. Lots of police officers came by the house. Some of our neighbors must have thought we had a lot of criminal activity going on!"

There was only one family "crime," per se. It was the evening Lynn and the son of the then-police chief were drag racing on Ashbury Avenue.

"That poor police officer," he remembers. "When he found out who he'd stopped, he didn't know what to do. He called into his sergeant, who just said, 'Write 'em up.' Then a beat writer from the Oakland Tribune called my mom, who didn't know anything about it, to ask if she'd 'fix' the ticket."

"Hell no," she said. "He pays." "She was ethical and honest, nobody could buy her off."

It was a time when council members were paid \$6 for each Monday night meeting — if they showed up. But Hormel counted it a privilege to serve and rarely turned in any of her expenses.

Her term of office, however, had a rather poignant ending.

She ran for a second term and lost by one vote.

"They had a recount, and she won," says Lynn. "Her opponent filed a lawsuit. Evidently there's had been some mishandling (by staff) of the absentee ballots, and all of them were thrown out."

"One of her best friends and her husband were so confident she would win that they forgot to vote. That would have been the swing vote."

"My mother was disappointed," she said. "Hey, I won, and I lost; that's not so bad. Some people never get a win."

Hormel continued her involvement in El Cerrito's schools as her young son moved through junior high and high school but did not again pursue political life.

Another close friend wishes she had.

"She enjoyed politics," says Lynn Borelli, who used to live across the street from the Hormels and was among Doris's closest friends. "I'm sorry she never stayed on because it was so truthful. But people did vote much for women in those days."

Borelli agrees with Hormel's family and friends that "lady" is one of the best words to describe El Cerrito's first woman mayor.

"She was such a lady," she says. "Every once in a while, I'd say a dirty word, and she'd say, 'How can you do that?'"

"I'd say, 'Aw, you're the mayor. Just overlook it,' and she'd laugh."

"She really was a good person," says Lynn, "honest, ethical, well liked, talented. Even her opponent respected her. She was a great cook and super with pastries. She was well known for her apple pie, but she made the best raisin pie in the world. (The recipe was in her head; it's forever lost.) She also enjoyed herself late into her life."

Lynn recalls one example of her mother's ongoing enthusiasm for life. In 1965, he had bought himself a brand new Chevy convertible. Eventually, it got passed on to his parents.

"You'd see her toolin' around with the top down all over the city. She drove until she was 77."

Hormel is survived by her sons: Lynn, of Fresno, and Roger, of Clovis. Lynn and Lorinda Hormel have three sons: Ryan, 25, Kyle, 22, and Tyler, 15. Hormel also had a great-grandson, Ryan, 4-1/2.

Roger and Doreen Hormel have two children, Roger Jr., 22, and Lesley, 17. Roger's son Damon, 22, is the fifth of Hormel's grandchildren.

She also had many well-loved nieces and nephews.

She was pre-deceased by her older sister and brothers, Ethel, Ernest and Cecil.

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinertnick

Wizard of Wooden Floors new member

"Refinishing a wooden floor is definitely cheaper than covering it with a new carpet," declares Avi Atid, one of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's newer members.

As head of Tulip Hardwood floors at 3501 Carlson Blvd. in El Cerrito, he knows what he's talking about.

"The trend today," he says, "is away from wall-to-wall carpeting to wooden floors. Wood is now highly desired. It is hard, carpets are generally loaded with bacteria, and wooden floors are a natural product that's good-looking and easy to maintain. More and more people are replacing kitchen linoleum with wooden floors, and — with an extra coat of finish — one of the very durable finishes now available — wooden floors can even go in the bathroom."

Repairing and changing the color of old floors is "no big deal," according to the 36-year-old Atid. All that needs to be done, he explains, is sand off the old finish and stain and then stain.

"Refinishing or installing a new floor is not as expensive as you would think," he adds. Refinishing runs roughly \$1.90 per foot, and new floors approximately \$8 per square foot — depending on material, size and design."

Many types of wooden floors are available at Tulip. The most popular are ones of oak or maple. But there are endless other choices — such as cherrywood, teak, walnut, mahogany, ash, birch, beach and pine.

"Each," says Atid, "has its own unique qualities."

Progress in the industry, according to the head of Tulip, has solved wooden flooring's problems of smell and dust. Today's non-toxic finishes eliminate smell, and plastic



Avi Atid is greeted to chamber membership by manager Sewall Glinertnick.

sealers control dust.

Also available at Tulip are floors containing custom artistic designs created by combining various woods. Several are on display at the Carlson Boulevard showroom, along with a number of special laser-cut borders.

"Everyone," says Atid, "is invited to come in, say hello, and look over our display of flooring and special designs."

To those in need of his services Atid offers a free consultation on what preparation the job may require, and advice on what woods and finishes would best serve the customer's needs.

Atid, who always liked wood, started out as a carpenter in his native Israel and was soon building wooden structures. In 1984 he came to America and started working as a builder.

In 1986, the contractor he was working for asked him to refinish his first floor. With the help of advice from people who worked at the place he rented his equipment, Atid completed that first floor. From then on — thanks to hints supplied by old-timers in the field — he launched himself into the wooden floor refinishing and installation business.

Today, 10 years later, he runs a flourishing company and oversees the work of a 10-man crew of refinishers and installers.

His showroom, which 2-1/2 years ago, is constantly being expanded and remodeled.

Proud of what he does for a living, Atid is quick to point out that "nothing increases the value of a home more than a nice wood floor — especially one with a unique design or border."

Call for Volunteers

Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce!

The Chamber is planning to hold a citywide Food and Wine Festival sometime in October, and needs volunteers to help plan and organize this event. Those wishing to assist in running part of this project in their section of the city are urged to contact the Chamber office immediately by telephoning 233-7040.

Serving as general chairman of this event is Gary Wong, owner of Strings Italian Cafe.

A reminder that the chamber luncheon meetings will resume Sept. 23 when City Manager Gary Pokorny will be our speaker on "An Alternate Plan for the El Cerrito Plaza." Chamber members heard Dorian Bilak at the June 24 meeting on varied plans if his company acquired the Emporium property, with one plan for a Wal-Mart. The chamber office is open as usual through the summer months.

Free Business Guide Available

A new guide for those interested in going into business here is now available free of charge at the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, 10848 San Pablo Ave., or City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.

Prepared by the Planning Division of the city's Community Development Department, the guide is designed to assist those planning on opening a new business, taking over an existing business, moving an existing business to a new location within the city, or starting a new home business.

The guide explains whom to contact for information on city clearances and licenses — including planning requirements for home businesses, businesses in commercial areas, signs, redevelopment assistance, business licenses, building permits and fire department requirements.

In the area of county, state, and federal clearances and licenses, the guide spells out whom to contact to get a fictitious business name filed, get sellers' permits and a resale number, and to obtain a state license.

Also included is information on where to get permission to sell food or alcohol, and where to go for assistance on the special requirements imposed on businesses which plan to hire employees.

Homeowners Insurance Offered

Homeowners insurance, which is becoming increasingly harder to purchase, is still available in El Cerrito, according to Chamber of Commerce member Greg Colden.

Colden, head of Colden Insurance Brokerage at 10296 San Pablo Ave., reports that — while most major mono-line companies have stopped writing

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Board approves new Vista College site

By Leslie Mladinich

OAKLAND — Advocates of Berkeley's Vista Community College deannexation from the Peralta Community College district say they are encouraged by Tuesday's unanimous Board of Trustees vote to purchase YMCA property for the campus.

The property, located at 2050 Center St., is 20,000 square feet and has an asking price of \$750,000. After some initial squabbling over wording, the seven-member board agreed to purchase the property following "a good faith effort" from both the district and the YMCA to meet approval of state requirements.

This decision follows an imbroglio of nearly 20 years between Peralta and the 4,500-student community college located in a commercially-leased three-story building at 2020 Milvia Avenue. The Peralta Community College district also includes Merritt, Laney and the College of Alameda.

Vista's "third-world campus," as it is referred to by de-annexation petitioner and Berkeley businessman Bob Burnett, lacks among many things a library where students can check out books, proper ventilation, enough classroom space and wiring capabilities for Internet access. Forty-percent of the college's courses are held at the University of California at Berkeley campus and the college has more part-time instructors than full-time, but "it is the single most productive campus" and generates between \$1.5 and \$2 million dollars per year above spending, said Tom Brougham, a Peralta trustee and de-annexation supporter.

Lack of a permanent site coupled with shortcomings prompted Burnett, Assemblyman Tom Bates (D-Berkeley), and Berkeley city council member Maudelle Shirek to write and submit a petition last fall to the California Community College's board of governors for Vista to secede from the district. The petition followed an October 1995 rejection by the Peralta board for the purchase of the same property that was approved Tuesday.

The idea has the support of the Alameda County Board of Education, as well as Albany, Emeryville and Berkeley school districts.

The purchase is only the first step in withdrawing the de-annexation petition that will be scrutinized by the California Community College board of governors July 10, Burnett said. Although relieved at some action finally being taken, Burnett said he did not support the final resolution approved by the trustees because it states the purchase is contingent upon withdrawal of the de-annexation petition.

Besides a permanent place, proponents have "four demands and many complaints," said Barbara Beno, Vista Community College president. Beno said petitioners will not be impressed with the trustees' action until a time-line for obtaining a permanent facility is presented.

The other three demands include adding more full-time equivalent faculty members, having the board make reasonable budget decisions and establishing a local advisory committee for the board and Vista. Finding a permanent place is not enough, said Brougham and Associated Students President Ana Lopez. Student services need to be upgraded as well.

"We don't want a building just for the sake of a building," Brougham said. Lopez said she believes the approval of the resolution is a "ploy" by the board.

"We'll go over to the YMCA building but we'll still have the same old staff," said Lopez. "It'll still be the same old board."

This same board is also moving to approve bond language Sunday evening to expand Measure B funds by \$8 million to purchase or build another Vista site. Measure B was passed in 1992 by voters for maintenance and upkeep of existing Peralta community colleges.

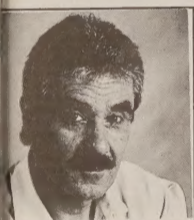
The way it is currently written, the bond measure asks Alameda County voters to "cancel" the \$32 million Measure B bonds previously authorized by voters and increase the amount to \$40 million. It calls for setting aside funds to be used to finance new facilities.

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by Paul Yazolino



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Young musicians make Carnegie Hall debut

By Carol Egan

Question: "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?"
Answer: "Practice!"

A group of young musicians who form the Young People's Symphony Orchestra just proved the truth of this adage by taking their most recent program (the fourth movement of Beethoven's Third Symphony, Bizet's "Carmen" Suite and Samuel Barber's "First Essay") to Carnegie Hall, one of the world's greatest concert halls. After much hard work on the part of the musicians, the orchestra's conductor, David Ramadanoff, its executive director, Ljuba Davis, the board of directors and parents, the group flew off to New York last week. Its shared concert took place on Sunday afternoon.

Participation was by invitation only.

The fact that the Young People's Symphony Orchestra is the second oldest youth symphony in the country is little known. Founded in Berkeley 60 years ago, it was initially a neighborhood orchestra. A year later it came under the baton of Jessica Marcelli, who had been trained in the music centers of the U.S. and Europe. Shortly thereafter the organization was formally established and made its official debut as a permanent institution.

Its constitution states that, among



Noah Berger

other goals, it shall "...stimulate musical intellect; develop talent among the young people of the East Bay cities; and provide them with an added opportunity for orchestra training and the reading of

standard orchestral scores under skilled leadership...."

Its members range in age from 13 to 21, though most are in high school.

Attending the final rehearsal

prior to the group's departure for New York, I was able to interview a handful of the orchestra's members. Meera Ratnesar, a lovely and eloquent 16-year-old from Hayward, lights up when she re-

members her first rehearsal with the orchestra three years ago. They were rehearsing Beethoven's Fifth, and she realized for the first time the power and beauty of ensemble playing.

A student at College Preparatory School, Ratnesar is used to the commute from her home. Transporting her instruments is somewhat out-of-the-question, however. These include kettle drums, a trap set, and vibraphone. Ratnesar also plays piano and used to play violin with a local Hayward youth orchestra.

Ratnesar credits conductor David Ramadanoff with the ability to inspire his players and push them on to higher levels of technical skill. Ramadanoff, who also conducts the Vallejo Symphony and the Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra in Palo Alto, has been working with YPSO for eight years. A former associate conductor of the San Francisco Symphony, he knows the value of performing experience. He has been urging the board to allow the group to make this trip since the first invitation arrived a few years ago.

Another young performer, Geechi Taylor, 18, has already received considerable recognition for his talent. A trumpet player, he recently graduated from Berkeley High where he was a member of the jazz band and, in his senior year, he

led the jazz combo. He has also played with Wynton Marsalis and looks forward to next year when he begins his studies at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Concertmaster Tuchinsky, 16, comes originally from St. Petersburg, Russia, where he began his musical training at a conservatory. He was 10 years old when his family immigrated to America and settled in San Francisco. A student at the School of Arts in San Francisco, Tuchinsky hopes to go to UC Berkeley in a few years.

Other outstanding young musicians interviewed included French horn players Lauren Smith, student body treasurer at Berkeley High, and Greg Sextro, a student at Albany High School, who also plays trap set with a neighborhood band. Greg has been in the orchestra for five years but is torn between a career in music and following another interest, science.

The YPSO rents St. John's Presbyterian Church's huge cafeteria social hall for all of its rehearsals, which take place Monday night from September until the beginning of June. Traditionally the orchestra performs three major symphony concerts plus a "Pops" concert annually. A more recent development

East Bay Events

Acoustic ensemble at the Freight



The Sonoma County trio Nine Days Old will perform their vibrant acoustic music in Berkeley at Freight and Salvage on Friday, July 5 at 8:30. Zola, a San Francisco folk trio, will open the show. Tickets are \$9.50 advance and \$10.50 at the door, and are available at the Freight and Salvage or through BASS outlets.

Nine Days Old is an acoustic music ensemble whose unique sound is woven of threads of many musical genres, including traditional American music, modern popular styles, and bluegrass. The trio merges the musical talents of Anne Rademacher, David Heiser and Steve Curtis, whose vocal harmonies combine with guitars, mountain dulcimer and an assortment of other instruments to create the band's innovative music.

Freight and Salvage is located at 1111 Addison St. in Berkeley. For additional information call the ticket office at 548-1761.

Another "Day" in Albany

The Albany Arts Committee announces an exhibit at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery featuring color photography by the Vista Independent Photographer Associates. The show, "Another Day in the Life of Albany," will run through Sept. 30. The artists' reception will take place on Sunday, July 7 from 4 to 6 p.m.

The VIP Associates are a group of photography students aged 50 - 80 under the direction of Dorothy L. Mayers. The group meets weekly at the Albany Senior Center. They have held photography exhibits at several locations including the Oakland Museum, the Point Richmond Library and the Elmwood Photography Gallery.

For more information on selection criteria or the upcoming show, call Tanna Bellia at 524-9283.



Fine jazz

The saxophone of Noel Jewkes, aka Dr. Legato, can be heard at Maybeck Recital Hall in Berkeley this Sunday afternoon at 4 when the Bay Area resident drops by with his particular brand of improvisational jazz.

Jewkes has played a variety of musical styles. In the '60s he was associated with rock and roll artists such as Mike Bloomfield, Nick Gravenitas, Ace of Cups and Jerry Hann. Following that period, he grew interested in classical Chinese music.

He remained, how-

ever, a "lyrical, hard-swinging jazzman at heart."

Pianist Al Plank will join Jewkes for his Maybeck appearance. Tickets are \$20. Call 848-3228 for reservations.

Good time

Contra Costa Civic Theatre presents *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, directed by Mark Patino, in Friday and Saturday night performances and some Sunday matinees July 5 through Aug. 10. Tickets are \$12 adults and \$6 youth. For reservations call 524-9132. A rip-roaring stage version of the famous MGM movie, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* is an exuberant tale of the seven Pontipee brothers, hankerin' after fun, fighting and frolicking in the 1850s Oregon wilderness. However, the Pontipees are shaken out of their loutish backwoods life with a vengeance when Adam, the eldest brother, marries the spunky orphan Millie who single-handedly cleans them up and introduces them to the neighboring town's bachelorettes.



Traveling back to the '60s again

By Renata Polt

The story of how the new/old film, *Hippie Revolution*, got here is a saga in itself. Originally made in the early summer of 1967 — the "summer of love," if I'm not mistaken — and released the following year (it showed at the Cannes Film Festival and elsewhere), the film was updated in 1986 by original director Jack O'Connell.

The reason for the delay in the film's release? A vicious mugging made O'Connell, once an assistant for Fellini and Antonioni, incapable of doing much work in the intervening years. Last year the Roxie's Elliot Lavine caught up with O'Connell and arranged to distribute the film, originally entitled just *Revolution* and legendary among scholars of the hippie movement.

And what a weird little film it is! Combining talking-heads documentary and light-show footage, it attempts to get into the spirit of the hippie movement by following one central person, 20-year-old Today (aka Louise) Malone, refugee from suburbia and enthusiastic devotee of sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll.

The 1986 footage shows older and wiser single mom Today in her suspiciously suburban-looking home (swimming pool, nice appliances) with her two teenaged kids. She still believes in the hippie values but regrets the drugs, which she says helped ruin the movement. (Malone, a nurse, now lives in Albuquerque. She's surely older now, but whether she's wiser yet isn't clear.)

Familiar icons of the old Haight-Ashbury scene abound. We hear from the Diggers, who distributed food, and from the Haight-Ashbury Free Medical Clinic. The "Oracle" and the "Berkeley Barb" show up. The Sexual Freedom League checks in.

And of course there are the bands: Quicksilver Messenger Service, Country Joe and the Fish, Mother Earth, the Steve Miller

Band. Search your garage: The movie's sound-track record is worth big bucks.

What's most interesting, though, are the interviews. Unfortunately, most of the speakers aren't identified, though you'll recognize Herb Caen, who talks about smoking since he was a kid, and former San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan, filmed in 1986 when he was Chief of Police. There are also physicians and psychiatrists providing some perspective, nuns and priests (Glide Memorial Cecil Williams, for instance), and, of course, the hippies themselves.

And what they have to say is, for the most part, naive and banal enough to make you wince. The language itself is part of the warp the film creates.

"We're all here to groove and have a beautiful time together," says Today. So, one else, attending a Human Be-In in Golden Gate Park, says, "All these people are in love with each other. It doesn't matter what your name is — it's more important what your birth sign is."

It wouldn't be the hippie movement without drugs. Cocaine is not addictive, says one. LSD accurately reproduces the experiences of visionaries like St. Theresa, says another. Bad trips, says one guy, are in your mind.

Yeah, right. Those who lived through the hippie years will get a vivid sense of déjà vu from *Hippie Revolution*; those who didn't can get a taste of the era, though I don't guarantee you'll love it.

Hippie Revolution opens July 3 at Roxie and plays July 7-9 at Berkeley's Theatre.



Have a safe and happy holiday!

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District kicks in

The board also voted June 25 to honor a request from the city to contribute funds to the restoration of the play field adjacent to the middle school.

The field, under joint district/city jurisdiction and heavily used by students, is set for a \$115,000 renovation by the city to repair damaged sod and drainage. The City Council previously approved a request to the School Board for

a \$15,000 contribution.

"From my point of view there is an equity issue. We're probably the single largest user of anyone in the city. Other users are also contributing through fees. I think it's prudent that we also participate," Boardmember Ed McManus said, introducing the item for inclusion in the board's formal adoption of the 1996/97 budget.

Next year's budget, approved for required submittal to the county

but lacking any new funds that may or may not be approved in the state budget, includes projected revenues of \$14,614,028 and projected expenditures of \$14,667,799, leaving a \$53,771 deficiency on the books. However, the board also projects \$1,003,285 in its reserve fund, with an unappropriated balance of \$348,251.

The budget includes recent program restorations approved by the board.

Allocation of the \$348,251 is still pending, with no set meetings at this point for budget consideration.

Release day approved

The board also granted a fifth student release day to Vista-MacGregor Primary School June 25, bringing that school in line with the number of release days granted district-wide at the elementary level.

The high school will have four release days next year.

The fifth day at Vista-MacGregor schools will be used for conflict resolution training and will coincide with similar training occurring at other elementary schools.

"I appreciate the efforts to coordinate with Marin and Cornell. It's important they are using the (the same consultant)," Boardmember Marsha Skinner said.

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It's official. The Ark and Pier 29 have joined together to become The Ark at Pier 29. If it sounds confusing, allow me to direct you to the proper location.

In January, Pier 29 closed its doors after a long run. Not to be upstaged, the Ark followed the same fate in May. The difference here, however, is that the Ark location along Embarcadero was earmarked to become a hotel — hence the change of location to the foot of the Park Street bridge on the Oakland side.

The Ark at Pier 29 offers a blend of both restaurants as well as some familiar faces. Russ Pratt, long associated with Pier 29, has returned as the managing partner (more on Pratt in a future column). The restaurant is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Located at 200 29th St., call (510) 261-1621 for more details.

Just a quick trip over that same Park Street bridge brings you to another new spot worth checking out. It's Q-Time is located at the base of the bridge on the Alameda side at 2327 Blanding Ave. Featuring 10 pool tables and 24 brews, this billiard room and tap house is conveniently located, offers plenty of parking and the atmosphere is fresh and lively. It's Q-Time is open daily. Call (510) 521-1007.

RESTAURANT BITES: Granny Feels Great has undergone an ownership change recently. New owner, Anastasia Therianos, has shortened the name to Granny's and freshened the place up with a new coat of paint. The previous menu of sandwiches has expanded to now include some daily Greek specials. Granny's is quaintly tucked away in the Woodminster area at 5020 Woodminster Lane in Oakland...Mama's Royal Cafe at 1012 Broadway is open once again for breakfast and lunch daily to 3 p.m. The restaurant had been closed for some time due to a kitchen fire.

WEEKEND SCENE: Bobby "Blue" Bland at Kimball's East...Tito Garcia Friday and Conquist Musical Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Saxophonist Noel Jekrs with pianist Al Plank Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Bob Schoen Quartet Wednesday at Cafe Caracas...Matt Brubeck and Dave Widlock Friday and the Adam Levy Duo Saturday at Daniel's in Albany...John Turk Thursday and Sunday at the Ramada Inn...Nob Hill Sounds Friday at the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont Veterans Memorial Building.

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■ Martin Snapp

And Three Cheers More: As I was driving over the Bay Bridge last Saturday night on the way to the premiere of The Lamplighters' new production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore," I was complaining to my companion about how I was dreading having to sit through yet another version of this hackneyed old chestnut.

I mean, I first heard "Pinafore" when I was a lad serving a term in the third grade. And I've only heard it about a million more times since. Enough already, right?

Wrong! It turned out to be the most fun I've ever had at the theater. Ever.

It was so fresh, so sparkling, so new, it was if I'd never seen it before. I just sat there and grinned happily at the stage for two hours.

All praises to director Tim McDonald, who has given us a "Pinafore" that is at the same time totally traditional and completely up-to-date. Gilbert's original spirit shines though every scene, yet the look — and especially the pace — is almost cinematic.

I should have had an inkling of what McDonald can do when I saw his sparkling production of "The Pirates of Penzance" last season. But even that didn't prepare me for the way I was blown away on Saturday.

I remember the old days, when The Lamplighters choruses used to just stand around in the background.

Not any longer. McDonald had everyone constantly in motion all night. But the effect wasn't frenetic; it was exhilarating.

It didn't hurt that McDonald had a stellar cast to work with. There were simply no weak performances. Special kudos to Dick Martin as Capt. Corcoran and the always sweet-voiced Karen Tesitor as his daughter Josephine, who showed a real flair for physical comedy during "Never Mind the Why and Wherefore" (better known as "the bell trio"). She rang all the comic changes.

But the greatest delight was Lawrence Ewing, who played Sir Joseph Porter. His rendition of what is perhaps the quintessential G&S song, "When I Was A Lad," was the best I've ever heard. And I've heard two of the best: John Reed and Martyn Green.

And what nimbleness! What grace! As he sang his ditties, Ewing danced and jigged and capered and cavorted until the whole audience was giggling with innocent merriment. (At one point, I even thought I spotted him throwing in a couple of Charleston steps.)

During the intermission I ran up to John Alecca, The Lamplighters General Director, and said, "This guy isn't a bad dancer. What does he do for his day job?"

"Lawrence?" said Alecca. "He's the executive director of Dance Through Time."

And that should give you an idea of the talent The Lamplighters have assembled for this production. Take a brace of sparkling singers, every one grand opera quality, add a full 21-piece professional orchestra under the deft direction of Baker Peeples, and let McDonald cleverly turn the wheels from behind the curtain, and you have an evening of sheer delight.

If you only go out to the theater once this year, make it this show. Believe me, I'm doing you a favor. When the word of mouth gets around, this is going to be one huge hit. (The Chronicle critic went bananas.) So The Lamplighters don't need me to hype the gate.

Many people consider G&S to be an acquired taste, like green olives. If so, this "Pinafore" is a great place to start. Gilbert's lyrics are hilarious even on the printed page, but the incongruity of hearing them set to Sullivan's sublimely gorgeous music makes them even funnier.

And if you don't feel like schlepping across the bridge — and who in their right mind does? — no problem. After "Pinafore" finishes its run in San Francisco July 28th, it'll set sail for Walnut Creek, where The Lamplighters will give four more performances: August 8th, 9th, and twice on the 10th.

Tickets are \$23 — which may be more than a movie, but when was the last time you saw a decent movie? This will be a night to remember.

And to take the kids to. Tickets are half-price for youngsters, and I was pleased to see a lot of them in the audience. They all looked like they were having a great time, too.

Finally, one sad note: Of all the many delights that the audience was buzzing about during the intermission, nothing was more popular than the breathtakingly beautiful costumes — which only reminds me again how much was lost when the designer, John Gilkerson of Oakland, died in 1989.

They've been recycling his costumes ever since, but the fact that there will never be any new Gilkerson designs is a continuing loss for us all.

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Albany

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efficient in presenting evidence as a basis for the conclusions presented." Patton's report took issue with a number of the findings, such as its conformance with Albany's General Plan, the project's impacts on earth, air, water and animal life and its impacts on transportation, public services, utilities, human health and energy consumption.

"The (document) should conclude that the project may have a significant effect on the environment and an Environmental Impact Report should be prepared," the report states.

One other point which was not brought up, Patton said, was that a sufficient public outcry over the project would also trigger an EIR.

More than a dozen Albany and El Cerrito residents showed up at Monday's City Council meeting, six of whom took issue with the declaration. The majority of protests had to do with parking and traffic impacts on the surrounding neighborhood, although there was also some talk of daylighting a portion of Cerrito Creek which runs through the site.

"We want very much to be in a position to welcome the new school into the neighborhood," said Albany resident Ellen Hershey, who said she was disappointed

that the School Board failed to take previously-expressed resident concerns under consideration when preparing the document. "However...the negative declaration fails to lay the foundation for the good neighbor relationship we are seeking."

Three School Board members were also present to defend the declaration, saying they hired the traffic engineer the city had recommended and that members of the public had previously been welcome to comment on potential impacts of the project. The tone of the meeting grew almost hostile as Alan Riffer, president of the Board of Education, responded to allegations from councilmembers Bruce Mast and Robert Good that residents were not given sufficient say in planning the new school.

"It's unfortunate that Bruce characterized it that way," Riffer said. "Each committee was open to all comers... I find it hard to believe that people were not aware."

Suggestions from the council included hiring a second traffic engineer to review the document, which Riffer seemed less than thrilled with. Albany resident Bob Blum suggested councilmembers attend the July 9 School Board meeting and voice their concerns there, to which Riffer responded "the comments (the council) would make would be no better received," than those

of ordinary citizens.

Riffer also had a small clash with city staff, but Patton said he didn't see how he would be able to reconcile the plethora of comments into one letter to the board and perhaps unintentionally calling Ekern, Albany's community development and environmental resources director, Bill "Acorn."

Then, like a balloon popping, the tension seemed to ebb from the council chambers. Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky suggested the council work with the board to reconcile their differences. After Good and Mast repeated their concerns about neighborhood involvement in the process, Blum noted the amount of frustration over the issue and asked City Attorney Robert Zweben if it would be a violation of the Brown Act if he had board and council members over to his house to discuss the declaration cake. Zweben said it would be.

The council then took a brief recess, during which more relaxed Riffer told *The Journal* that review of the project was not yet set in stone. "I'm not sure anyone is saying that we're done with the process," he said.

After the council meeting adjourned, Riffer denied any insult to Ekern and apologized to him, two were last seen talking in a friendly tone in the darkened parking lot at City Hall.

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departure from the school. (According to Burress, Behrens Street has about 650 cars a day travelling down it, Brighton about 3,000.)

Burress believes the school district has not taken the concerns of the Behrens neighborhood seriously. He pointed out, for example, that the declaration does not include Behrens Street on its traffic impacts chart but does list "Spokane north of Brighton" as potentially increasing from 650 cars to 750 cars daily. That increase is explained by 50 school staff members moving back and forth each day, he said.

He and Burress believe the district has completely discounted the possibility that parents will continue up Behrens Street after dropping off students, perhaps because they all live in Albany and will simply "turn around and go home."

"They'll be going to BART, to the freeway, or heading home a faster way — up Behrens and then turning around," said Friis. "They're not going to say, 'That's the city limit; I can't go that way.'"

The site plan included in the district's proposed declaration does not have Behrens Street labelled, another sore point for El Cerrito residents.

Burress also expressed the gratitude of the association to the city and the council for the support, information and advice neighbors have received regarding the school issue. He especially thanked City Attorney Howard Stern and City Planner Ed Phillips for their help.

He said it was Phillips, for example, who had first made neighbors aware of the issue in March when he sent neighbors a copy of the notice the Albany School

District had distributed only to Albany residents.

Since then, neighbors have formed the association and held five meetings on the issue.

Stern had made his own report to the council, noting that the "mitigated neg dec" is currently the subject of a 30-day public review period.

Stern said that in 1994, a declaration proposed by the school district was "clearly inadequate" but El Cerrito "had agreed not to sue on the assurance that the district would do an adequate environmental document when the plans were at the schematic stage."

Referring to the now mitigated negative declaration, Stern said, "We had hoped this would be a better document. Unfortunately, we have found major holes in it."

Stern listed drainage, hydrology issues and traffic and parking impacts among the city's concerns; staff has worked with consultants in those areas, he said.

"There is not enough analysis of drainage and of Cerrito Creek," he said. "(In addition,) the impacts of traffic and parking have neither been adequately analysed or mitigated."

Stern said the city will recommend a full Environmental Impact Report be undertaken by the district if impacts cannot be adequately addressed.

Councilmember Norma Jellison expressed her doubts that the district will accept that recommendation and will choose instead to move ahead with its mitigated negative declaration. Jellison noted that the district has declared itself exempt from the zoning restrictions of other jurisdictions (including the cities of El Cerrito and Albany), an option available to school districts in California, as long as they do not exercise

in an "arbitrary or capricious" manner.

"Given what they've done so far, ... I don't see them to do anything else... but keep moving forward," she said.

The neighborhood association would like the Council to consider three actions, including sending a representative to the public hearing to represent Cerrito's concerns and cooperating jointly with the city of Albany on mutual concerns about potential impacts.

"The school board seems to be deaf to the surrounding community.... I think we need to turn up the volume a little bit," Burress said.

Burress and Friis also want the city to pursue action to declare the district's self-exemption from zoning laws "arbitrary and capricious."

"Only the city can ask the Supreme Court to rule their exemption," Friis said.

In answer to a comment by Councilmember Norma La Force, Stern later said, "If we ever did have a suit, and I think we all hope we don't, we would add a course of action to the exemption from zoning."

"We will be representing your interests as best as possibly can," Mayor Cathie Kosel told the association representatives.

The Albany Unified School District has scheduled a public hearing on the mitigated negative declaration July 9. The city of El Cerrito will be represented at the hearing by Stern and Phillips. La Force said he will attend but on behalf of some of the concerns of the Sierra Club. The public comment period ends July

Humps

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Of the 30 requests, nine did not meet the installation criteria. One reason cited for ineligibility is that the street is not a "local residential street," as the standards require, but is rather a "minor arterial or collector." Last year, several residents of Ashbury Avenue complained to the council about perceived traffic problems on that major thoroughfare.

Some of the other ineligible streets are considered to be primary emergency police and fire response routes and are thus ineligible.

Two streets were determined to be eligible on initial evaluation. The city's traffic engineer will further evaluate Morris Avenue (between Junction and Hagen) and Craft Avenue (off Terrace and continuing to the southern city boundary), conducting a minor speed study and traffic volume analysis. He will then recommend whether the humps should be installed.

Two separate requests were received for Craft Avenue, accounting for three of the 30 received.

"The majority of the requests, by far, just needed additional information provided," said Maintenance and Engineering Supervisory Mori Struve. "Craft and Morris were easy to process because they are such short streets. For (some) of the requests, the streets are longer, and we need the residents to state exactly where

they think the humps should be installed."

Struve noted that such analysis may be no easy task.

"It may take some effort on the part of the person making the request to talk to neighbors, so they can determine on which blocks the humps should be installed. The person who wrote us may have to become a contact person for the neighborhood; he or she may not have been prepared to do that."

It is because a neighborhood process accompanies the staff process that contacts with many neighbors are essential.

"Eventually, you'll be given a petition to have signed, if the traffic engineer has recommended the street for a speed hump," said Struve. "When neighbors are asked to sign the petition, it shouldn't be the first time they've heard of the issue. We're looking for some kind of consensus."

Those streets approved for installation of speed humps will be given a numerical priority ranking. Currently, the city has \$20,000 available for installation; half the funding was allocated last year but was not spent. Those streets not high enough on the priority list to be funded out of the budget may still be installed if residents agree to "chip in" and pay for the humps themselves.

"We won't know until we have some put in, but we

think maybe \$2,000 per hump," Struve said.

Staff based the new standards on a series of findings. Those findings state (among other conclusions) that the city of El Cerrito is experiencing speeding problems throughout the city on a variety of street types, including local streets, collectors and arterials, that "present speeding diminishes the quality of life of El Cerrito citizens due to the fear it creates of potential damage and property," and that "the city of El Cerrito desires to reduce speeding by conducting an ongoing, comprehensive analysis of traffic conditions by incorporating elements of education, enforcement, roadway design and roadway improvements."

Only "local," residential streets of two lanes or less are eligible. Among other criteria, the street must have a speed limit of 25 mph or lower, fifteen percent of vehicles surveyed must be exceeding 30 mph, and 24-hour traffic volume must fall between 200 and 4,000 vehicles. In addition, drivers must have at least 200 feet "safe stopping distance" before the hump unless the city traffic engineer sets another standard.

In order to apply for speed humps to be installed in a neighborhood, a resident or property owner of a block must send a written request to the attention of Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager, Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito 94530.

El Cerrito book sale a success at Plaza

By Thom Stark

The Friends of the El Cerrito Library held the first of what promises to be a series of Bag Book Sales at June 25 Farmers Market at the El Cerrito Plaza. The sale, which was rescheduled from its original May date, was a solid success. Book lovers crowded the event from the time it opened at 9 a.m. until well past its scheduled close at 1 p.m. According to event chair Eileen Leon, the Bag Sale generated over \$1,000 for the nonprofit group and, just as importantly, provided good homes for hundreds of donated books.

Leon credited the efforts of El Cerrito's Book Lodge members and other community volunteers helping to make the Bag Sale a success by helping move "several truckloads" of books from the library to the Plaza. She also expressed gratitude to Judy Felt for the Farmers Market Event Manager, and to Bob Hallmark Shop for their support and assistance.

Blue was also pleased with the synergy between the Bag Sale and the Farmers Market. "I think we've each other," she said. "The people who come to the Farmers Market seemed to enjoy the Bag Sale as much as the folks who came for the books stayed to shop at the Farmers Market, too," she added.

Leon confirmed that the Friends intend to hold another Bag Sale at the Farmers Market on Tuesday, July 30. Bibliophiles will be able to purchase a portion of the El Cerrito Library shopping bag for \$2 and with their choice of books or purchase individual books for 25 cents.

Community

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initiate affirmative action policies in Richmond city government.

More recently, Isabelle said, the Richmond commission has helped the city recognize the diverse cultural groups which make up its population and give residents a more positive outlook on diversity. "There is a richness in being different," he said.

CAHRO's Persily took a more broad approach to HRC's, describing the presence of the commissions in larger cities such as San Francisco and Los Angeles and smaller towns such as Pinole and El Cerrito. He too described situations where an HRC has acted as a mediator in racially-charged situations, as well as going over some of the conditions an HRC would need to be effective in Albany.

"You don't have to go far to find a good model for an (HRC) ordinance," Persily said in pointing to the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission. According to Persily, some important factors in making an Albany HRC effective include a strong and well-defined set of goals, a good, open relationship with the City Council and a well-written HRC ordinance on the books.

Although a HRC can't be expected to resolve every dispute, Persily said, it can help defuse tense situations and give those less inclined to complain about abuse a place to take their grievances. Those who have used an HRC as a mediator include a black janitor from Pittsburg who found a noose hanging over his work area and got little response from police, to a gay man from Walnut Creek who was beaten and was afraid to go to the police out of fear of ridicule, Persily said.

The Pinole HRC's Jenkins gave those present an idea of what such a group does in a town approximately the size

of Albany. Describing Pinole as an area which has in the past had a strong Ku Klux Klan presence, Jenkins said the commission has helped organize events such as Black History Month as well as showing movies such as *The Color of Fear* to help make members of the community aware of the diversity in population.

Jenkins stressed the importance of having a diverse ethnic mixture on an HRC, saying that if it were made up of all one ethnicity it would be perceived as advocating only that group. He also told the audience to look at other HRC's and what their experiences have been to keep from reinventing the wheel.

The meeting, which was meant to be an opportunity to gather information before attempting to create an Albany HRC, seemed to evoke a positive reaction from those present. According to Elva Yanez, informal organizer for Families for Multicultural Education, the idea for a HRC came in the wake of a screening of the film *Skin Deep* in December and is one of four ideas a group of Albany residents came up with to improve interracial relationships in Albany.

Yanez said Mast and Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky have expressed interest in forming an Albany HRC and that her group would again take up the issue in July.

If the commission were to resemble the one in El Cerrito, it would take on a mostly advisory capacity as well as organizing events.

According to Barbara Davis, chair of the El Cerrito HRC, her group organizes an annual parade on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and deals with matters referred to it by the City Council. The commission, which meets once every two months, also receives reports on hate crimes from the police department and has looked into helping city employees' domestic partners become eligible for health coverage.

Passing effects deep appreciation

But I had hoped she would get better and, I realize now, I had expected that she would always be there for me.

Yesterday I asked my 11-year-old daughter Annie to tell her favorite things about grandma, asked her what comes to mind when she thinks of her.

"That's hard," Annie said at first while thinking, and then, "She was always there for you." Annie paused, then added, "She always enjoyed your company." And finally, "It's just hard to imagine that she will ever die."

I told Annie that this was probably the ultimate thought about grandma. It's hard to imagine that she would ever die.

But my mother had been sick, her health failing in the last year or two. She'd just had surgery and had been in the hospital for

two weeks when she died.

As she was going into surgery, Anet and I were there telling her everything would be all right. Mom was calm, apparently accepting, but she told me not to be surprised at anything that happened.

She said she was, after all, 78 and I said, "But you're not 83!" And this made her smile.

My mom lived in El Cerrito, close enough that she visited often at my house in Oakland, every day when my children were smaller. In fact I don't know how we would have managed without her.

We had two babies born 18 months apart. Mom rocked them and dressed them, patiently held baby spoons of applesauce for them, wheeled them to the park. She sewed them clothes and gave them baths and laughed over them.

We were very lucky. Grandma was with us for parties and Christmas, on outings to the wading pool and when we visited cousins. She read to her grandchildren and hugged them and taught them.

I have watched my mother with my children at my kitchen table many times, playing cards, pasting little things into shoe boxes to make scenes, playing store and making change, learning the names of the birds outside our window.

When the kids were hungry, grandma would offer something good for them—carrot sticks and celery boats with peanut butter or cored apple quarters—and they'd gobble them up.

They loved their grandma and no wonder. My son Nick said the other day that the trouble with grandparents is that by the time you get to know them, they're already old.

I wanted to reassure him, to tell him that she'd always be here, that I would be too, but of course I couldn't.

My mom loved my writing. She was a big fan. Every week she'd read the column in The Journal, then call to tell me what she thought. She often exclaimed that my writing was wonderful but she could be critical too.

I remember telling her ahead

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Long-term rates steady; ARM index lower again

On June 27 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) announced that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgage fell just one basis point to 8.29 percent from last week's average of 8.30 percent. A year ago the 30-year fixed rate was 7.53 percent.

The starting rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) rose five basis points to 5.98 percent from last week's average of 5.93 percent. A year ago, the starting rate for the one-year ARM was 5.84 percent. The ARM rate has not been this high since the week ending May 26, 1995, when it stood at 6.06 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing arena, was up two basis points from last week's figure of 7.80 per-

cent to 7.82 percent. A year ago, the 15-year interest rate was 7.03 percent.

"When unemployment figures were announced last month, the strong showing helped interest rates," said Freddie Mac Deputy Chief Economist Frank Nothaft. "We may see a change in rates next week when new unemployment information is announced."

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

On June 28 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for July payments at 4.823 percent, down from the 4.841 percent that was in effect for June payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

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Realtor donations distributed to homeless advocacy groups

The Berkeley Association of Realtors (B.A.R.) Committee on the Homeless distributed \$4,500 in Realtor donations. Three groups that address the needs of homeless people and support transitional housing for those actively seeking to overcome their problems shared the funds: Women's Daytime Drop-In Center, Berkeley Ecumenical Chaplaincy to the Homeless and Berkeley-Oakland Support Services.

"We're very grateful. This contribution will allow us to help approximately 125 women with intake and referral services," says Women's Daytime Drop-In Center Executive Director Linda Lazzareschi. The center serves over 300 women annually.

Begun in 1988, the center provides over 300 homeless women and children a safe, daytime refuge

annually. They receive support, food and access to emergency survival resources to overcome homelessness.

The Berkeley Ecumenical Chaplaincy to the Homeless is an interdenominational group providing community services such as street counseling, transitional houses, referrals, clothing and a newspaper, *Forum for Communication on Homeless Voice*.

Berkeley-Oakland Support Services has been providing comprehensive services to the homeless and mentally disabled since its inception in 1971. Assistant Director Robert Barrer said: "This contribution will have a direct impact on our continuing work with families and children by helping three families move from the streets, to shelters, to transitional housing and on to permanent housing."

Mason McDuffie Realtor David Kafton has chaired B.A.R.'s Committee on the Homeless for four years. "Of the many issues that face us as citizens and as a community, the problems of homeless people seem to touch us most closely in the real estate profession," said Kafton. "We have the potential to alleviate some of the suffering and to make a real difference in the lives of people in their time of great need."

Funds were raised in part through pledges of donations on each home-purchase transaction. In addition, donations of cash, clothing and food were raised at the Halloween benefit "Give-for-Treat Night."

"I'm proud that Berkeley Realtors, brokers and affiliates donate so generously to the Homeless Fund," said B.A.R.'s Special Events Committee Chair and cosponsor Flo Albonico.



Front row: Robert Barrer of Berkeley Oakland Support Services, Linda Lazzareschi of the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center and David Kafton Chair of the Committee for the Homeless accept Realtor donations at (back row): Kim Marienthal, Brenda Willet, Flo Albonico, and Thomas enjoy the moment.

East Bay Habitat for Humanity puts out call for 1996 Build-A-Thon volunteers

East Bay Habitat for Humanity announces its 1996 call for volunteers.

The organization hopes to have 1,000 volunteers frame five houses over the five days of July 5 to July 9.

For the operation to go smoothly, 100 of these volunteers should be carpenters.

In order to finance this effort, Habitat expects to raise \$100,000 in donations from Bay Area corporations, schools and churches.

The registration fee is \$25, which will cover the cost of breakfast and lunch for each volunteer on each of the five days of the Build-A-Thon and a "Build-A-Thon T-shirt."

Habitat hopes to find volunteers to donate the items necessary to make the day a success: food, merchandise and promotional services.

To find out how you can get involved, call the East Bay Habitat for Humanity at 251-6304.

Horticulture books available at 'Garden Center

The Oakland East Bay Garden Center Inc. has a library with emphasis on books on plants, gardening and horticulture.

The library has 300 reference books and 900 circulating books.

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For more information 482-5252.

Passing...

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of time that I was writing this week about the schools, my appreciation of my children's teachers. I thought she'd like that because she was a retired teacher herself. "But how are you going to tie that into real estate?" she asked.

That's just what she would have asked about this column. So, mom, here's the tie-in: I am feeling heavy and muddled and wonder who will take care of me now that you are gone. But in the back of my mind I know that before long I will have to take care of business, your house.

As children of parents who die must do, I will clean out your house, sort through your belongings, de-

cide whether to sell.

I'll need to make decisions about whether to keep your grandmother's china cabinet and teacups, bring them to my house, throw away your collection of pretty fall leaves or bring them too.

My brother and I will have to talk about whether to paint your bedroom and put in new linoleum, figure what your house might sell for, then find a tenant or let the house go.

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Home inspection large part of the home sale psychology

udent home buyers wouldn't buy a home without having it inspected by a home inspector. A home inspection is a thorough evaluation of a home and its major systems and components: the roof, attic, foundation, plumbing, walls, floors, windows, doors, heating and cooling, and chimneys, the site — works.

One of the main reasons home transactions fall apart is inspection. This happens when something anticipated is discovered during the home inspection process, and buyers and sellers can't agree on a price.

For example, the sale of a four-year-old, multi-million-dollar property in Northern San Diego County recently fell apart because of an inspection. A team of inspectors brought in by the buyer to inspect the property's condition. The roof inspector said that the roof needed \$450,000 worth of work. Not surprisingly, the buyer immediately backed out of the deal. The seller figured if that much work was required to the roof of a relatively new home, what else might be wrong?

The sellers are suing the roofer who inspected the roof. Other roofers have agreed that the roof had problems; it had been improv-

erly installed. However, their repair estimates were all a fraction of the "deal-killing" bid. The judge might grant the sellers a judgment against the roofer. But, this will provide little satisfaction because the sellers are still searching for another buyer.

Would the sellers have been better off ordering a home inspection before they marketed their home for sale? Undoubtedly, they would have. Their inspector would have called attention to problems with the roof. The sellers could have consulted roofers before marketing their home to get estimates for repairs. Then they could have marketed the home, disclosing that the roof needed work, along with the repair estimates. Or, they could have had the repair work done before the house was listed for sale.

There's a lot of psychology involved in a home sale. Buyers who are aware of a problem up-front can process this information before making an offer. They can factor the cost into their bid, or ask the sellers to take care of the problem. Buyers often have mixed feelings of excitement and trepidation when they enter into an agreement to buy a home. The impact of an unexpected "bad" report can destroy their excitement and enhance their fear to the point that they want nothing to do with the property.

Sellers who decide that a pre-sale home inspection is the way to go should ask their agent for the names of several home inspectors who are well-known and respected in the local real estate community. Interview these inspectors until you find one who you think will give you a thorough and accurate inspection. For example, if you are selling an older home, use an inspector who has a lot of experience inspecting older homes.

Most states, except Texas, don't license home inspectors. Make sure that the inspector you use is a member of ASHI (American Society of Home Inspectors), or a similar trade organization. ASHI has strict membership criteria, based on experience. Your home inspector should be a licensed contractor, engineer, or architect.

One reason for using an inspector who has a good local reputation, and name recognition, is that you want the buyers, and their agent, to feel comfortable with your inspector. This will add credibility to your report. Your agent should make the report readily available to other agents so that their buyers can review it before they make an offer.

Make sure that your home inspector will agree to return to the property with the buyers to review the inspection report with them. There will probably be an additional

REAL ESTATE FORUM

DIAN HYMER

'One of the main reasons home sale transactions fall apart is inspections.'

charge for this, but it should be considerably less than the cost of the original inspection. Also, encourage the buyers to have their own inspector look at the property. They may feel comfortable accepting your inspection report, but you should not insist on this.

A seller's report is not meant to replace buyer's inspections. It's to uncover defects in advance so that the buyer's inspections don't become deal-breakers.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California," (Chronicle Books). Order a copy from Inman News, (800) 775-4662.

Realtor joins megabrokers

Jerrilyn Babbington, a top associate with Coldwell Banker's Orinda office and a Previews Property Specialist with the realty firm's Luxury Home Division, was recently featured in Unique Homes Magazine as one of California's megabrokers.

The prestigious Previews Property Specialist designation is given to a sales associate only after completing a prescribed course and rigorous performance criteria including market analysis for luxury homes, marketing plans and product knowledge.

Lamorinda's top sales associate in volume for the first quarter of 1996, Jerrilyn presently has over \$22 million in luxury homes listed and pending in both Lamorinda and Piedmont.



Jerrilyn Babbington

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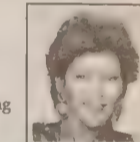
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Helen Revel



Marsha Quick

Agent of the week - Marsha Quick

A real estate veteran since 1976, Marsha Quick and her family live in El Cerrito. Her husband Dale quick was one of the original 'founding fathers' of Red Oak Realty. Marsha combines an active life with being one of the most positive and knowledgeable East Bay agents. Marsha credits her high quality clientele to her new pet project, Woman to Woman Homebuyer's Seminar upcoming July 20. She keeps negotiation skills fine-tuned by volunteering for the Berkeley Dispute Resolution Service as a mediator. Scrabble, mountain biking and Grandmothering are her hobbies.

To reach Marsha, call (510) 527-3387 ext. 107

HOMES OPEN SUNDAY

2029 Channing (Sat/Sun 1-5).....Berkeley.....\$137-179K
932 Madison (2-4).....Albany.....2bd/1ba.....\$214,000
297 Purdie (2-4).....Kensington.....2bd/1ba.....\$219,000
ALBANY
Reduced! 2+bd/1ba English MacGregor near Solano.....\$214,000
2bd cottage fixer! 1/2 block to Solano. Opportunity!.....\$179,000
Secluded 1bd/1ba cottage. Must see!.....\$168,000
BERKELEY
Reduced! 4bd/3ba, soaring spaces, magical Mediterranean!.....\$608,500
Wonderful 5bd/4ba North Berkeley. Gourmet kitchen.....\$599,000
4bd/3ba. It's a beauty! Impeccable!.....\$475,000
Charming 19th century 4bd/2.5ba farmhouse.....\$449,000
1+bd/2ba Spanish Mediterranean, near Berkeley hills.....\$429,000
Charming & warm 3bd/2.5ba with bay views & garden.....\$359,000
Lovely 4bd/2ba with serene wooded setting & views.....\$339,000
Handsome, well-maint 4bd/3ba large traditional.....\$319,000
Ultimate fixer! Beautiful 25 acre wooded parcel.....\$299,000
Wonderful 4bd/2ba home in best location!.....\$295,000
Lovely 3bd/2ba home in prime location!.....\$289,000
Classic 3bd/2.5ba contemporary townhome, cust features.....\$259,000
New listing! Spectacular bay views! 3bd/1ba - condo.....\$232,000
New listing! 3bd/1ba, great location!.....\$209,000
Former church, now a dance studio. Great possibilities!.....\$209,000
Complete fixer near campus. Brick foundation. 2-story.....\$195,000
Buyers get free trip to Hawaii. Grl price for new condos.....\$179,000
4bd. Great financing; location; price!.....\$175,000
4bd/1ba woody condo near UC with bay view.....\$175,000
Bright, spacious remodeled charmer.....\$174,900
4bd/1ba bungalow with basement & workshop.....\$169,500
Sweet North Berkeley bungalow, 2bd/1ba, must see!.....\$153,000
Price slashed! New 1bd condo.....\$127,500
Condos near campus for University staff & faculty.....\$110K-\$195K
Remodeled 1bd condo near UC & Elmwood.....\$99,500

CASTRO VALLEY

Reduced! Custom 4bd/3ba, 3,000 sq ft.....\$425,000

EL CERRITO

Beautifully maintained 3bd/3ba - must see!.....\$319,000

Sunny 4bd/2+ba near Solano Ave & Fairmount shops.....\$289,500

Spacious, bright 3bd/2ba, plus bonus room.....\$229,500

NEW LISTING! 2bd, study + spacious bonus room.....\$199,500

Clean, charming 2bd/1ba, updates galore!.....\$199,500

3bd/1ba + detached artist's studio - deep lot.....\$165,000

Well maint. home. Near BART, 2-story floor plan.....\$119,900

EMERYVILLE

2bd/1.5ba, sunwashed 1700 live/work sq ft loft - warehouse.....\$237,000

Renovated 2bd/1ba, vaulted ceilings, gourmet kitchen.....\$179,000

KENSINGTON

Ridgetop lot - end of private road, spectacular view.....\$180,000

MARTINEZ

Starter 2bd/1+ba, with unfinished plus room!.....\$119,000

OAKLAND

Claremont Pines - elegant older 3+bd/3+ba on 26 acre.....\$529,500

Hillier Highlands. Luxury @ bargain price! 3bd/3+ba.....\$479,000

Co-housing alert! Near Piedmont Ave. & creek, 4 homes.....\$385,000

Great duplex in desirable location, near BART, shops.....\$270,000

Upper Rockridge. 3+bd delight, remodeled kitchen.....\$269,000

Grand house with 2 extra large flats on nice street.....\$199,000

No. Oakland. 2bd/1ba brown shingle + detached wkshp.....\$189,000

Great 2bd/1ba craftsman with large basement.....\$147,000

Big 4bd redone Victorian - move-in condition!.....\$129,000

Great starter 2bd/1ba, large kitchen.....\$109,950

3rd floor 1bd/1ba, great view, security bldg/parking.....\$92,000

RICHMOND

Turn of the century investment property.....\$485,000

Bay views throughout, large family room, 2-car garage.....\$385,000

View. New listing! High in EC hills. 2+bd/2ba.....\$189,500

Residential income! 5bd/3ba.....\$188,000

2bd/1.5ba golf course living! Many extras!.....\$175,000
Annex. Appealing 2bd bungalow!.....\$149,900
Loads of storage, 2bd 1-condo. What a value!.....\$139,950
Spacious 2-story bright & sunny condo.....\$135,900
Just like a 2bd - move right in! Yard and garage.....\$134,500
Annex. Sunny home on large lot. 2+bd/1ba "as-is".....\$132,000
3 bedroom cutie with built-ins. Near trans & shops.....\$129,500
Spacious 3bd 1ba with large backyard, frpl, built-ins.....\$79,500

SAN PABLO

Rustic hilltop 3bd/2ba with Mt. Tam views.....\$134,000

Large townhouse in woody green outlook.....\$75,000

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1230 Ballena - \$198,000
1363 Broadway - \$182,000
905 Broadway - \$202,000
2827 Central - \$268,000
3314 Constance - \$282,000
3162 Fiji Ln. - \$180,000
1914 High St. - \$185,000
502 Lagunaria - \$220,000
3532 Magnolia - \$190,000
173 Oldcastle - \$635,000
616 Pond Isle - \$290,000
420 Shell Gate - \$212,000
509 Tideway Dr. - \$509,000
1331 Weber St. - \$235,000

ALBANY
1103 Key Route - \$249,000
1252 Marin Ave. - \$215,000

BERKELEY
1201 6th St. - \$160,000
1304 Bay View - \$260,000
1379 Berkeley Way - \$120,000
1320 Campus Dr. - \$318,500
51 Del Mar Ave. - \$270,000
2909 Dohr St. - \$115,000
1921 Hopkins St. - \$121,500
1094 Keith Ave. - \$170,000
1589 La Vereda - \$315,000
1437 MLK Jr. - \$130,000
1617 McGee - \$219,000
1621 Stannage - \$186,500
1627 Ward St. - \$170,000
2375 West St. - \$122,000

EL CERRITO
244 Ashbury Ave. - \$173,000
305 Colusa Ave. - \$291,000
2010 Junction - \$100,000
1625 Navellier - \$157,500

EL SOBRANTE
4132 Barranca - \$123,500

EMERYVILLE

1 Captain #D358 - \$160,000
6363 Christie #314 - \$44,000

OAKLAND
3614 Allendale - \$100,000
657 Alvarado - \$505,000
930 Aquarius - \$502,500
4425 Arcadia - \$160,000
7215 Arthur St. - \$145,000
4653 Benvides - \$247,000
5951 Chelton Dr. - \$501,000
5223 Coronado - \$165,000
11772 Cranford - \$200,000
2121 Drake Dr. - \$333,000
53 Elrod Ave. - \$575,000
1002 Everett Ave. - \$179,000
5410 Fernhoff Rd. - \$690,000
1500 Fernwood Dr. - \$420,000
8109 Greenly Dr. - \$133,000
5086 Kearney Ave. - \$230,000
4032 Laurel Ave. - \$165,000
5589 Lawton Ave. - \$317,500
2726 Madeline St. - \$156,000
864 Mandana Blvd. - \$275,000
3133 Market St. - \$140,000
2610 MLK Jr. - \$140,000
20 Masonic Pl. - \$270,000
4011 Mera St. - \$100,000
3257 Millsview - \$121,500
6650 Moore Dr. - \$339,000
2815 Morley Dr. - \$400,000
7121 Norfolk Rd. - \$171,500
5852 Ocean View - \$285,000
233 Orange #304 - \$64,000
379 Orange St. - \$110,000
5340 Princeton St. - \$100,000
4833 Proctor Ave. - \$350,000
4027 Redding St. - \$127,500
386 S. Clara #105 - \$150,000
12025 Skyline - \$845,000
2708 Sunset Ave. - \$235,000
243 Taurus Ave. - \$117,500

5476 Wadean Pl. - \$105,000
1 W.Embarc. #249 - \$138,000

PIEDMONT
665 Blair Ave. - \$537,000
19 Calvert Ct. - \$509,500
440 El Cerrito - \$517,000

SAN LEANDRO
1512 168th Ave. - \$120,000
1535 168th Ave. - \$135,000
928 Arguello Dr. - \$200,000
1224 Benedict Ct. - \$226,500
282 Caliente Dr. - \$95,000
1012 Castle St. - \$169,500
14 Cornwall Way - \$172,500
63 Harlan St. - \$132,500
358 Maud Ave. - \$184,000
3476 Monterey - \$156,000

SAN LORENZO
82 Corte Eulalia - \$175,000
1417 Culver Pl. - \$120,000
15312 Dermody - \$149,500
16342 Emery Ct. - \$156,500
15760 P.D. Campo - \$151,500

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$180,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$635,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$270,571

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$215,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$249,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$232,000

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$318,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$191,250

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 4

LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$291,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$180,375

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$123,500

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$44,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$160,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$102,000

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 40
LOWEST PRICE: \$64,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$845,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$257,700

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$509,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$537,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$521,166

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$95,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$226,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$159,100

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$175,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$150,500

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Realty company taps Schwartz top manager

Mason-McDuffie Real Estate has selected El Cerrito Office Manager Marcia J. Schwartz as Manager of the Month. She was selected for this honor from among the company's 52 offices.

Since Schwartz joined the El Cerrito office in May of 1994, there has been significant growth: Sales have increased by 50 percent comparing spring of 1996 to spring of 1995.



Marcia J. Schwartz

The agents feel she always goes beyond what is expected. "Hands on training, step by step, she definitely goes the extra mile," said El Cerrito office agent Anna Lei. "When you go to Marcia with a problem, she gets directly to the heart of it and helps find a constructive solution," said veteran agent Louisa Reesor.

Schwartz has supported the development of value added services within the office including the addition of Mason-McDuffie's wholly owned subsidiary Western America Mortgage, whose on site loan agent Chaz Miller has originated 48 percent of the loans in the office.

In addition to her responsibilities as office manager, Schwartz serves as Chair of the Mason-McDuffie Education Foundation,

which acknowledges exceptional public school teachers with a restricted \$500 cash grant. Since its inception in 1992 the Foundation has honored 180 teachers with grants totaling \$90,000.

Schwartz is a member of the West Contra Costa Association of Realtors Board of Directors and of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She was formerly agent in Mason-McDuffie's Berkeley North office, and company's Castro Valley manager.

Schwartz has two grown children, three grandchildren and a fourth grandchild on the way in Austin, Texas.



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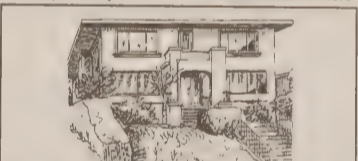
CRAFTSMAN DETAIL IN PIEDMONT \$419,000
Light & spacious 4BR, 3BA traditional. Hdwd floors, high-arched ceilings, sun-filled rooms. Large eat-in kitchen with deck. Lots of built-ins. Formal dining room. Move-in condition.
324 Olive Ave.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



DRAMA AND SOPHISTICATION \$599,000
4BR, 3.5BA contemp on 1/3 acre with total seclusion. Breath-taking master suite with fireplace, light & bright. High ceilings, large formal dining room, great kitchen, wrap-around deck.
6685 Shepherd Canyon.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



MISSION STYLE \$299,500
Incredible space & value! A-1 condition offering grand scale rooms for entertaining. Walk to shops. Garden in the sunny yard, 3BR, den, sunroom.

M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583



JUST LISTED! \$529,000
Brand new 5BR, 2.5BA contemp with spectacular Golden Gate/Bay views. Gorgeous eat-in kitchen/family room combo, formal DR, 2 marble fireplaces. Many private decks, skylights, must see 9009 Boradway Terrace.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



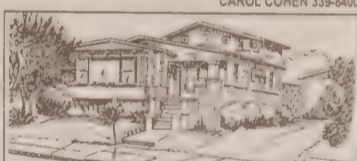
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Custom designed tract, 3 years young, fabulous view of SF, GG, Bridge & hills. Level yard, 4BR, 2.5BA, family room w/fpl, cul-de-sac, much more. Open Sunday.
MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

FIRESIDE COMFORT.....\$598,000
Fills this 4BR, 3BA ranch, quiet tree shaded w/ whoa stairs to climb. Bay view A must see in a grt area.
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SUPERB QUALITY.....\$534,000
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PRESTIGIOUS CONTEMPORARY.....\$529,000
Custom built 3BR, 2.5BA w/piano views of Golden Gate/Bay Bridges. Beautiful kitchen w/breakfast island, high ceilings, large formal DR, 2 fpl, master retreat w/priv bath/deck.
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

GOLDEN GATE VIEW BRAND NEW.....\$515,000
Open Sun, 2-4:30. Stunning traditional w/beautiful architectural details & quality workmanship. Level yard.
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PIEDMONT PINES - TRULY CUSTOM!.....\$499,000
On a quiet cul-de-sac. This prime quality 3000 sq 3BR+hm w/many interesting arch. details on 25 acre lot awaits you.
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4BR, 3BA on private cul-de-sac. Sunny, one-level ranch on more than an acre. Barn with 3-stalls, tack rm, loft. Master suite with fpl, large eat-in kitchen, full of sunshine.
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

UPPER ROCKRIDGE BEST LOC......\$419,000
Great location near Claremont Pines with easy access to freeway and within walking distance to College Ave. 3BR, 2+BA, rumpus rm. Immaculate home!
VICKIE CHAN CASE 339-8400

JUST LISTED! PANORAMIC VIEW!.....\$399,000
Spacious home has fabulous view of bay, SF, more 4BR, fam rm w/fpl & quiet Tahoe-like setting!
PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

MONTCLAIR SOPHISTICATION.....\$369,000
Perfectly quiet & so private! 3BR, 2BA, den & rec rm. For the chef a new Euro kitchen with dining space. Over 2700 sq ft of pure pleasure.
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LOVELY ROCKRIDGE TRADITIONAL.....\$335,000
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VIEW - IN LAW UNIT - PRIVACY.....\$329,000
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PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS.....\$299,000
Quiet street with canyon view close to shops & transportation. Offering charming country kitchen, sunken living room, large sunny yard, 3BR, 1.5BA.
M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

NEW LISTING - SPARKLING ROMANCE.....\$289,000
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NEED A HOME OFFICE??.....\$274,500
This home has 2! Flexible floor plan allows endless possibilities. 3+BR, 2BA, bay view, outstanding gardens.
ANIDA WEYL 746-1949

ENJOY STEADY INCOME.....\$265,000
One of a kind duplex in Diamond Hts. 3BR, 2BA owners unit & 2+BR, 2BA rental. 2-car gar, patio & yard.
ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

ONE OF A KIND, MUST SEE.....\$265,000
Light, bright, contemp, completely remod. Priv mst ste, cathedral ceilings, open floor plan. Hdwd floors.
SAM GHADERI 531-6712

ALL LEVEL HOME IN ALAMEDA.....\$264,500
Super home in move-in condition. Perfect for empty nesters. This 3BR, 2BA home features a den & a 11 x 17 sun rm. 2-car att garage. Open Sunday 429 Grand Street.
VICKIE CHAN CASE 522-3957

APPEALINGLY TRADITIONAL.....\$259,000
Corner bay view lot. Good fam neighborhood. Spacious sun rms, lots of hdwd. Lg garden, FDR, 3BR, 2BA. HARRIET SCHOEN 531-2437

DON'T MISS THIS, READY TO MOVE-IN.....\$249,000
Stylish contemp, reduced to sell, all new expansive decks, upgraded kitchen & baths, 3BR, 2BA hdwd flrs, perfect floor plan for shared living, call today!
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-7653

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARM!.....\$249,000
Oakmore trad. All the charm of Oakmore awaits, fpl, hdwd flrs, light, airy updated kit + extra bsmt rm.
ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9842

LIGHT, BRIGHT, SUNNY & COOL!!!.....\$249,000
Hill views + pano sweep of bay abound from almost every rm. Loc on priv. drive, this 3BR, 2BA is shangi-lal!
KEVIN BLATTEL 339-8400

MR. & MRS. CLEAN LIVE HERE.....\$249,000
Nothing to do but enjoy jacuzzi, covered patio, gourmet kitchen or master bedroom retreat while gardening. 1/4 acre lot, 3BR, over 2200 sq ft! Enjoy!
EARLE SHENK 339-4000

READY FOR YOU - GLENVIEW.....\$245,000
A-1 condition, charming bungalow, remodeled kitchen w/new appliances, new bath, roof, formal dining rm, ample storage, garage close to everything.
MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

DUPLEX REDUCED!!.....\$245,000
Owners paid \$35K more than asking! Great value for 2BR, 1BA w/fpl. Needs TLC. Lakeshore Highlands.
HAL MARCUS 339-9281

VICTORIAN PLEASURE.....\$239,000
In Lake Merritt area. Completely restored - lg rooms, 2 fpls, full attic & bsmt. 2-car gar. New roof. See today!
ELAINE JONES 547-5715

CLASSIC REVIVAL CHARM.....\$235,000
Wonderful lower Glenview home, lovingly restored with craftsman characteristics, high ceilings, sitting room, office, basement with guest rooms, bath & kitchen.
M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

REDUCED & READY TO GO!.....\$234,000
Solid 3BR, 1.5BA starter home. Lower Oakmore for easy commute and pleasant neighborhood. Gorgeous level yard filled with flowers and fruit trees.
LYN MURRAY 339-6664

NEED SPACE TO GROW???.....\$229,000
Sequoyah hills. Great opportunity to acquire excellent value. Yard needs TLC and vision.
ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9842

LIVE / WORK / ENJOY!.....\$229,000
Excellent Glenview loc. Fir plan perfect for home office. Lg sunny yard, quiet street. 3BR, 2BA, FDR + study! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

942 EVELYN.....\$210,000
Save money! Price reduction on this flexible Albany home close to Solano & schools. Call to see.
JENNIE LIPPINCOTT 655-7137

ALAMEDA CUTIE!.....\$209,000
2 lg BR, marvelous yd, quiet st. FDR. Best buy in Alameda! DR has box bm ceiling. Owners ready to move.
EDITH MARCUS 339-9281

ILLNESS - MUST SELL.....\$199,000
First time on market in 40+ years! Quality bungalow of 1920's. Spacious rooms, eat-in kitchen.
JENNIE LIPPINCOTT 655-7137

MAXWELL PARK BEAUTY.....\$189,000
Pristine 4BR, 2BA, large sunny back yard. Termites clearance, recently painted in/out. Newer roof.
SUE WILLIAMS 482-5077

UPPER LAUREL - BACK ON MARKET.....\$189,000
Deal fell through on the best buy in Upper Laurel. 4BR, 2BA warm fam hm w/grt sep of space. Won't last long.
CAROL OR VICKY 339-8400

INNER BEAUTY.....\$169,000
Funky exterior hides charming 2+BR home & 1BR in-law near Gilman St. in Berkeley. Walk to Fanny's, REI.
ANIDA WEYL 746-1949

ROSE PARK TERRACE CONDOMINIUM.....\$159,950
One of Oakland's most desired condos. 2BR, 1BA overlooking beautiful rose garden, spacious LR w/fpl, updated kit, custom BA, sec bldg w/underground parking.
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-7653

NEW LISTING - CHARMING BEGINNER.....\$149,500
Can be yours in this spick & span 2BR, 2BA. Hdwd floors, eat-in kitchen, new 2-car garage. Level lot, landscaped front yard. Take a look.
MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

NORTHEAST DESIRABLE DISTRICT.....\$132,500
Lots of space! Needs work. Master BR, FDR. Seller will clear termite work. Great opp. Seller wants offer.
ANGELA LAWSON 588-2990

COME BY, LOOK OVER, THEN BUY.....\$129,000
Near bungalow in Mills College area. 2+BR, 1+BA, hdwd floors, fireplace, laundry room, spare basement room. Lots of gardening space. Dogrun, hot tub, lots of parking.
NICK LAVROV 525-2727

PERFECT FOR ARTIST/CRAFTSMAN.....\$119,500
Reduced! Mills college 2+BR, 1.5BA with separate studio space, perfect for workshop/home office. French doors, family style kitchen. \$6000 assumes loan, and move-in!
SHERDELLA SIMS 287-9586

WHY PAY RENT?.....\$99,999
Cozy cottage on private lane, 2BR, 1BA, random plank hdwd floors living rm w/fireplace, breakfast room overlooking patio garden, laundry rm, attached garage.
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-7653

BUILDER'S CLOSEOUT.....\$99,000
One third acre lot in quiet wooded setting! Bay view and complete plans, surveys, ready for permit. Owner interested in trade for income property.
PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

CLASSY CONDO.....\$72,000
Top floor privacy and view, spacious 1BR, amenities include pool, sauna, and laundry. Great Lake Merritt / Grand Ave. area. Just minutes to S.F.
M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

WHY ARE YOU PAYING RENT?.....\$57,500
Fabulous condo building borders Piedmont. Pool, sauna, heating all included! New patio, designer carpet, new bath fixtures and tile. Walk to shopping, 20 mins. to SFI.
PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

2 CONDOS HALF A WORLD APART.....\$52,000
San Leandro - \$128,000. 3BR, 2BA on quiet street near Lema Golf Course. Private patio. Move-in condition.
PINOLE - \$75,000. 3BR, 2BA near Pinole High School. Move-in condition. Why rent?
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RESTORED ROCKRIDGE BEAUTY \$399,000
4BR, 2BA craftsman with stunning woodwork & built-ins. All new kitchen & baths. No see til July 7th, Open 2-4:30, 5566 Lawton.
ADRIANNE NASH 834-2010

OUTSTANDING NEW LISTING! \$399,000
Elegant contemporary with bay views throughout! 3BR, 2.5BA plus wonderful study/guest rm. Beautifully cared for, exceptional Piedmont-side of Montclair location!
CAROLE BERGER 428-0900, 644-5499



PIEDMONT HILLS PRIVACY \$389,500
New listing! Light & airy 3BR, 2BA with office. Beautiful condition. Sunny, level yard with designer garden. Very special!
P. MITCHELL MAKINEN 339-8888, 869-4234

QUALITY AT A GREAT PRICE \$349,000
New construction, 4BR, granite kitchen, very elegant.
A. DRESSER 339-9290, 869-4224

LOVELY MONTCLAIR HOME \$299,950
Great views, wooded & secluded setting. Beautiful hardwood floors throughout, unique floor plan with decks galore!
DEMETRIUS 834-2010

LIGHT-FILLED & ELEGANT \$289,000
Beautiful arch. details in this pristine 3BR, 1BA home! Vaulted ceilings, built-ins, chef's kitchen. Lovely yard, basement & garage.
ERIKA CELESTRE 845-0211

MINUTES FROM MONTCLAIR \$238,000
Refurbished 2BR, 1BA with refinished oak floors, bathroom, garden. Great location near Village.
RANDALL 339-8888, 869-4242

BIG & BEAUTIFUL! \$223,000
Too good to overlook! 3BR, 2BA, large family room. Clean & bright w/ formal dining room, fireplace, built-ins, hardwood floors. Move right in!
NAOMI KANE 849-3711, 869-4506

IDEAL WITH A FUTURE! \$199,000
Walk to Piedmont Avenue from this adorable 2BR, 1BA bungalow but bring your overalls because there's lots and lots of fixing to do! Huge fenced yard. Great neighborhood.
CAROLYN JONES 428-0900, 644-5426

TWO HOMES FOR THIS PRICE! \$187,000
A real steal, open July 7th 2 - 4:30. 5BR, 2BA. Sellers are moving & motivated. Basement 1BR rental.
HIRLEY COVINGTON 834-2010

WOODSY OAKLAND HILLS \$174,000
Sunny 3BR, 2BA with loads of charm, quiet neighborhood, separate in-law potential. Fireplace, hardwood floors, redwood deck with hot tub. Priced to sell. Must see!
M. FEINER 524-2526, 525-6261

A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH \$169,000
Enjoy the price of ownership + income studio 2BR, 1BA close to transit & hospital. Hardwood floors, fireplace in living room.
SHIRLEY COVINGTON 834-2010

QUIET COURTYARD SETTING \$155,000
Serene and elegant 2 story home. 2BR at a great price!
A. DRESSER 339-9290, 869-4224

SWEET COTTAGE \$133,000
Sunny, charming home in a stable neighborhood. New paint, fenced yard, walk to shops & transportation.
ERIKA CELESTRE 845-0211

COZY STARTER \$106,500
Cozy 2BR, 1BA with private deck, fenced yard and off-street parking. Close to Mills College.
JANNE CAMPBELL 834-2010

WHY PAY RENT?!! \$74,500
2BR, 1BA condo with balcony & gated garage. Neat & clean! Refridg & 1 year home protect plan! Located near Piedmont Ave. shopping & public transit. Good investment opp, too!
MIKE GOODMAN 526-5143

BERKELEY / ALBANY

CREDIBLE BUY - LUXURY HOME! \$799,000
Magnificent 4BR, 4BA renovated home with Thomas Church gardens on 2nd lot. Over 1/3 acre in the heart of Berkeley. Member San Luis Swim-Tennis Club.
CLASS/SABINE Team 644-5495

NORTH BERKELEY HILLS \$499,000
Panoramic views! Classic 4BR gem with 2 studies, architecturally designed family rm with French doors to extra large garden. Light & spacious. Close to Solano & transportation.
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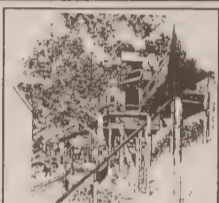
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DUPLEX NEAR CAMPUS. \$369,500
Convenient location for this 3BR up and 2BR down duplex. Owner occupied, 2 garages and a deck with hot tub in back yard. Hardwood floors and inside laundry.
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RARE VIEW HOME IN ALBANY \$295,000
3BR, 2.5BA, 2-car garage, hdwd flrs, big kitchen. All living space 1 level except bonus room down! Reduced! Motivated! For more info e-mail: Lloyd Jung@aol.com.
LLOYD JUNG 526-3143

MAJOR FIXER \$269,000
North Berkeley brown shingle fixer! Home has been in same family since 1895. Charm & potential. 3+BR, 1.5BA, lg yard, walk to UC.
MARY HANNA 428-0900

A CHARMER-MOVE RIGHT IN! \$219,500
Charming craftsman - move-in condition. 3BR, 2BA, hdwd floors, room for home office/study. Foundation/seismic done plus new roof, fireplace in dining room. Must see!
M. FEINER 524-2526, 525-6261



TERRIFIC TOWNHOME! UNIQUE! \$214,500
On Albany Hill, nestled among oak trees, award winning design! 2BR, 2BA, fireplace, high ceilings, decks galore! Very private.
CHRIS KAFITZ 526-5143

NEW LISTING! \$210,000
A delightful craftsman home on one of North Berkeley's loveliest streets. Remodeled kitchen/bath. Unique spacious living rm. 2BR, 1BA, close to BART, parks, shops, schools.
CAROL JEKABSON 849-3711, 527-3494

MEDITERRANEAN GEM \$210,000
Sunny home, lovingly redone! New kitchen & bath, new appliances, pretty garden with gazebo. Walk to Betty's Diner & trans.
ERIKA CELESTRE 845-0211

WOODSY & SPACIOUS FEELING \$199,000
In this 2 level brown shingle townhouse. 2BR, 1.5BA, 2 car parking, fireplace, enclosed patio/garden. French doors to garden, newer const 3 condo bldg. Walk to U.C.
MONICA ROHRER 849-3711, 273-9328

SPACIOUS, SUNNY & BRIGHT \$189,700
Two BR home in move-in condition. Large eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors. Fruit trees in yard. Call for appointment.
PATRICIA SANDERS 849-3711, 649-7856

SUPER BERKELEY BUNGALOW \$175,000
New paint, carpets! Fireplace in living room! 2BR, sunny kitchen, great storage, great neighborhood.
LORRI ARAZI 849-3711, 287-8858

ANOTHER PRICE REDUCTION!! \$140,000
Lovely spaces in this vintage Victorian! 3+BR, 1BA & large sunny yard! Lots of potential!
CAROL JEKABSON 527-5494, 849-3711

BERKELEY DUPLEX \$99,000
Steady income, in-law unit on Prince. Unit on tree-lined street. Easy freeway access. Storage "++".
NORINE SHIMA 845-0200

WEST COUNTY

ATTRACTIVE EL CERRITO HOME \$319,000
Spacious 4BR, 2BA split level home. Good sized dining/family room with Paleta stove, gourmet kitchen, great au-pair/home office. Hardwood floors, new paint, new roof, move-in condition.
LUISA CASTILLO 526-5143

PLEASANT & SERENE LIVING! \$249,000
Charming 3BR, 2BA home. Original details, beamed ceiling, skylight and hardwood floors.
WENDY LOUIE 849-3711, 273-9306

IMMACULATE HOME IN MARINA \$249,000
Bay/Breakers. This home is 4+ years young, has 3BR, 2.5BA with cozy frpl in large living room. Landscaped, community pool/spa, security gated, park & bay front hiking & biking.
MIKE GOODMAN 526-5143

PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP \$239,000
Immaculate home on the hill. 3BR, 1.5BA, SF Bay view from most rooms. Remodeled bath, hardwood floors throughout. Basement/workshop. 1 car garage. Must see. Call!
LUISA CASTILLO 526-5143

MINT CONDITION \$232,000
Spacious 3BR, home with a large master suite, has a one level open floor plan. 2BA, hardwood floors, marble fireplace, new paint and newer roof add to the value. The very private patio and gardens are special.
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LLOYD JUNG 526-5143

CHARMING BUNGALOW \$129,000
Located in Richmond Annex. Wonderful gardens surround sunny 2BR home! Hdwd floors, fireplace! Great neighborhood!!!
LORRI ARAZI 849-3711, 287-8858

Events

The Events Calendar does not accept-for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

Come celebrate the Fourth of July at the Dunsuir House and Gardens' **Teddy Bear Picnic and Parade**, beginning noon, Thurs., July 4 on the Meadow. The Acorn A's Vintage Car Club's parade will be held at 1 p.m., the Teddy Bear Parade at 3 p.m. The estate will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with

mansion tours from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for both juniors and seniors. Call 615-5555 for more information.

East Bay Habitat for Humanity announces its **July Build-A-Thon**, Fri. July 5 to Tues., July 9 at its 105th Avenue construction site in Oakland. Habitat hopes to frame five houses in this five day period with 1,000 volunteers. 100 of these volunteers must be trained carpenters. The \$25 registration fee will cover breakfast and lunch for the five days. Habitat also hopes to find

corporations, schools and churches willing to help raise the \$100,000 necessary to complete the project, volunteers to staff the merchandise, food and registration tables as well as sponsors, food donors and entertainers. Call 251-6304 to get involved.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley presents the two-day workshop **Framing Carpentry: Hands-On**, Sat., July 6 and Sun., July 7. **Architectural Model Making** is on the agenda for Sun. July 7. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

The City of Oakland Tours Program offers free walking tours of the city. Tour the **Jack London Waterfront**, 10 a.m. Sat. July 6. Visit the Jack London Museum, see President Roosevelt's restored yacht the U.S.S. Potomac and Oakland's (still operating) turn-of-the-century produce market. Meet in front of the Overland Bar and Grill. Call 238-3234 for more information on these and other tours.

Join the Oakland Heritage Alliance (OHA) for a **Walking Tour of Mountain View Cemetery**, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sat. July 6. Meet at the Chapel of the Chimes, 4999 Piedmont Ave. Michael Crowe and Barbara Smith will show why Mountain View was "the place" to be laid to rest. Discover prominent names like Pardee, Crocker, Merritt and Ghirardelli. Wear comfortable shoes for this hilly walk. The cost is \$4 for OHA members and \$6 general. The tour will be canceled in case of rain. Call 763-9218 for more information.

The Oakland Heritage Alliance (OHA) presents **Restoring Victorians: A Walking Workshop in Preservation Park**, Sun., July 7, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Meet at the east gate of Preservation Park, Martin Luther King at 13th St. Jean Spangler will share information about styles and materials and will discuss retrofit materials and adaptive reuse as a preservation tool. The cost is \$4 for OHA members and \$6 general. Call 763-9218 for more information.

The Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) holds its

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Dramatic & unique 2-level design with soaring ceilings and walls of glass. 4+ bedrooms, family room & designer kitchen. Serene hill view.
ELIZABETH DICKSON

6046 FAIRLANE DRIVE, MONTCLAIR \$49,000

Level-in & open floor plan. Formal dining & lrg master ste. Family room opens to grounds. Bay view.
SUSANNE PAUL

136 DUDLEY AVENUE, PIEDMONT \$535,000

Lovely Contemporary w/So. Bay views & cathedral ceiling. Level in and out. Wonderful indoor/outdoor living. Spacious patio.
Great street. S. GALLAGHER

5768 SCARBOROUGH, PIEDMONT PINES \$435,000

3/3.5 home situated on 2 landscaped lots. Spacious living room w/fireplace, sep. office & garden patio.
LINDA MCCLAIN

7470 WOODROW DRIVE, MONTCLAIR \$375,000

Custom built home with beautiful woodwork. Light & airy with 2 2/2 & den. Situated on lovely level grounds.
HELEN BUTY

1609 GRAND AVENUE, PIEDMONT \$365,000

Piedmont Bargain. 3/2 home with private yard. Walk to schools. Beautiful built-ins. Updated.
MARILYN WATSON

100 RAMONA AVENUE, PIEDMONT \$319,000

Charming home. Living room with fireplace and formal dining with built-ins. Cozy family room off updated kitchen. Great garden.
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You probably do not want to spend your summer thinking about your taxes. However, it is always a good idea to take advantage of market opportunities to save taxes when they happen. And if you own bonds currently trading at lower prices than what you paid, a technique called bond swapping could provide you valuable tax losses for your 1996 tax bill.

Bond swapping refers to an investment technique used to realize tax benefits, increase income potential or restructure a portfolio as investment needs change. The most common type of bond swapping is a tax swap. A tax swap involves establishing a tax-deductible loss by selling a bond worth less than what you originally paid. You then purchase a similar—but not substantially identical—bond to maintain the benefit of the original investment.

For example, let's assume you are in the 36 percent tax bracket and two years ago you invested \$50,000 in bonds at par (face value) that mature in 2013, but the bonds have declined in value and are worth only \$42,150 at current market prices. Let's also assume

Swap your way to lower
1996 tax bill with bonds

this year you have already realized \$5,000 in long-term capital gains from the sale of other investments. If you sell your bonds, you would establish a capital loss of \$7,850. You can use the first \$5,000 of this loss to offset those capital gains dollar-for-dollar on your tax return.

Further, the remaining \$2,850 of the loss may be used to offset \$2,850 of your ordinary income. (On your tax bill, you can use up to \$3,000 of capital losses in excess of capital gains to offset ordinary income each year. You also can carry forward any additional losses to offset gains or ordinary income in future years.) You then can take the \$42,150 proceeds from the sale and reinvest in similar—but not identical—bonds. This example is for illustration purpose only and does not reflect any specific investment.

To reap the tax benefits of this strategy, you should make yourself aware of the "wash sale" rule. The wash sale rule prohibits you from claiming a capital loss by

selling a security if you have purchased the same or a substantially identical security within 30 calendar days before or after the sale. To be considered not substantially identical, the new bond should come from a different issuer or company or have a different maturity, coupon rate or quality rating. You may repurchase a bond after waiting 31 calendar days from the sale date, but do not forget that the bond's price may rise or fall during this time.

While you should consider your tax consequence with any investment you make, you must also remember to consider your primary investment objectives. An investment professional can outline all the details of bond swapping and, together with you and your tax advisor, help you determine if you should use this strategy in your pursuit of a lower tax bill.

Leila Gough is an Associate Vice-President with A. G. Edwards in Oakland. She can be reached at 273-8840.

Fannie Mae guide available

Consumers can call Fannie Mae at (800) 688-HOME to receive a free guide to the home-buying process.

The guides are available in several languages.

Fannie Mae (Federal National Mortgage Association) markets its own securities and handles a variety of real estate loans purchasing them on the open market and packaging them for resale.

Events...

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regular monthly meeting 6 p.m., Wed., July 10 at The Showplace Square, Two Henry Adams St., San Francisco. July's topic will be **Design CAD—By Hand, By Whom?** The \$25 ticket includes food, wine or beverage. Call (415) 985-7058 for information and reservations.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley presents its annual four-day **Owner Contracting Intensive**, Wed., July 10 through Sat., July 13. Topics include project management, scheduling, legal aspects, cost estimating, and dispute prevention and resolution. Call 525-7610 for more information.

Malou Cole and Jack Solomon of Controlco will present **Carbon Monoxide Detection** at the Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Thurs., July 11 at Hs. Lordships Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. House inspectors who belong to ASHI or those interested in joining are invited to attend. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-9335 for more information.

Truitt and White Lumber Company, 642 Hearst Ave., Berkeley invites you to see the light at its **Summer Tool Sale and Bar-B-Que**, with hot dogs, popcorn and soda. Thurs., July 11 and Fri., July 16 at The Lakeview Club on the top

12. Experience roof windows and skylights at the Velux Showmobile on Friday and experience for yourself the advantages of affordable skylights. Marvin Windows and Doors Truckload Sale shows that you can have it all: beauty, style, security, energy efficiency and proper fit. Call 841-0511 for more information.

West Contra Costa County Waste Management presents a free **Home Composting Workshop**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sat., July 13, at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton St. Learn how to recycle organic "garbage" by composting. Call 215-3021 for more information.

Join architectural historian and author Mark Wilson from 1 to 4 p.m., Sun., July 14 for a **Berkeley Walking Tour**. See Berkeley's "Normandy Village" with its cottages, gables, frescoes, and ornate barge boards, stop at Prairie-style and Victorian Era homes along the way and a Bernard Maybeck-designed Swiss chalet. Fee is \$12 and includes refreshments after the tour at Berkeley's Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore. Call 273-9383 to register for the tour.

The Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**, 7 p.m. Tues., July 16 at The Lakeview Club on the top

floor of 300 Lakeside Drive (Kaiser Center). The workshop will show you how to use a 203(k) loan product to purchase, renovate and resell property in short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320 for more information.

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Stained Glass Garden presents a **Tiffany Glass Seminar**, Sat., July 27, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., overview of the steps in making Tiffany-style lamp from noted Area stained glass lamp maker Bryden. Fee is \$25. Advanced registration is required. July and August stained glass classes are forming. Call 841-2200 for information.

The City of Oakland's Office of Cultural Affairs presents the

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TEMPLETON

BERKELEY • OAKLAND • ALBANY • PIEDMONT • KENSINGTON • EL CERRITO

BERKELEY

2737 BELROSE AVENUE. Open Sunday 2-4. Italian villa: pool, library, 5+BR/5BA. Fabulous for entertaining. Faye Keogh ext. 126. \$825,000

ARCHITECT OF THE CLAREMONT HOTEL. STATED CLAREMONT FAMILY HOME designed by Charles Dickey. This elegant 4BR is located in the prime neighborhood with level sidewalks and manicured gardens. Bebe McRae ext. 145. \$749,000

ENCHANTING. New price! Classic Gutterton on wooded cul-de-sac. 3+BR/3BA. Faye Keogh ext. 126. \$665,000

18 ROBLE ROAD. Grand Mediterranean in 1925, dramatic LR, bay vw, pool, 5+3/5. M. Montali ext. 132. \$575,000

J.H. THOMAS BEAUTY! Open Sun 2-4; 2920 Derby Street. Romantic inglenook, clearheart redwood detailing in LR & DR. 4+BR, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, family room, study, teenage attic! Landscaped garden with hot tub, and unique play structure by Barbara Butler. Close to shops, UC & Claremont Spa. Susie Schevill ext. 144. \$519,000

NORTH BERKELEY CONTEMPORARY. Motivated seller. 4BR/4BA, enchanting view, versatile floor plan with in-law. Impeccably maintained and updated, nice outdoor space. Leslie Avant ext. 122. \$499,000

ELEGANT AND SOPHISTICATED ARCHITECT DESIGNED HOME. 4+2/5 in private setting. Spectacular views! Nancy Lee Norman ext. 124. \$499,000

NORTH BERKELEY DUPLEX. Attractive 2BR home with attached 1BR income unit or stunning home office or studio! Bay views! Private patio! Walk to UC & Chez Panisse! Bebe McRae ext. 145. \$400,000

UPPER THOUSAND OAKS Very special architect-designed, one-level home. 3BR/1BA. Updated kitchen, private entry courtyard, hardwood floors, arches! "As is." Bebe McRae ext. 145. \$335,000

HENRY COURT TOWNHOUSE. 2 master bedroom suites, 2 attic studies, patio garden, fireplace, move-in condition. Marlene Leverette ext. 121. \$309,000

1884 SAN ANTONIO. Open Sun 2-4. Special 2+BR/1BA, bay view, separate office, garden. Great Thousand Oaks location. Leslie Avant ext. 122. \$309,000

DESIGNER'S DREAM HOME. Open Sun 2-4; 3005 Fulton Street. Artist's renovation with stunning spaces and charm, 3BR, 1.5BA. Faye Keogh ext. 126. \$269,000

URBAN SOLITUDE. Enchanting new listing! Brown shingle with a Japanese aesthetic. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, special gardens and more. Ron Eggherman ext. 127. \$250,000

NEAR GOURMET GHETTO. 2 bedrooms. 1 bath with original details, deep yard with deck. Nancy Lee Norman ext. 124. \$209,000

SOPHISTICATED TOWNHOME. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Light and bright, move-in condition, convenient location. Leslie Avant ext. 122. \$189,500

ELMWOOD DUPLEX (Lower Half). 2 bedrooms, 1 bath + sunroom. 1438 sq. ft. Yard and parking. Nancy Hoover ext. 123. \$180,000

PERFECT FOR THE FIRST TIME BUYER. Sunny, bright 2BR, 2BA, garage, patio, many amenities. Close to shops. Susie Schevill ext. 144. \$169,000

OAKLAND

ENGLISH COUNTRY MANOR IN ROCKRIDGE. Incredible value. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, studio, land, views. Gini Erck ext. 133. \$740,000

FRENCH FAIRY TALE MAGIC IN CROCKER HIGHLANDS. Exquisite restoration. 3+BR, 3BA, delightful garden. Gini Erck ext. 133. \$599,000

6040 OCEAN VIEW DRIVE. Classic 2,700 sq. ft. Upper Rockridge 3/2+ Medit. Jan Fougner ext. 138. \$445,000

245 CROSS ROAD. New 4BR/3BA Mediterranean in Upper Rockridge. Jan Fougner ext. 138. \$429,000

5681 OAK GROVE AVENUE. 4BR/2.5BA beautifully remodeled Craftsman. Jan Fougner ext. 138. \$379,000

QUALITY & CHARM IN GLENVIEW. Gleaming gumwood, great kit, deck, yard. Gini Erck ext. 133. \$267,500

4508 PLEASANT VALLEY COURT, SOUTH. Sunny 3BR/1BA bungalow with new bath, level out yard and deck. Jan Fougner ext. 138. \$265,000

WHIMSICAL & LOVABLE. Haddon Hill 3BR with new kitchen, big basement. Gini Erck ext. 133. \$229,000

1447 E. 38TH STREET. Sweet, updated 2+BR/1BA Glenview bungalow. Big basement. Jan Fougner ext. 138. \$220,000

QUALITY GLENVIEW MEDITERRANEAN. 2+BR, 1+BA, fabulous condition, decks and garden. Leslie Avant ext. 122. \$219,000

A GREAT BUY IN GLENVIEW. Special 2/1, loads of charm & light. Anne Van Dyke ext. 142. \$154,000

LIVE/WORK SPACE IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. Unusual school house condo. Call Leslie Easterday ext. 134. \$149,000

A DARLING NEAR PIEDMONT AVENUE! 3818 Cerrito Avenue, full of charm and light. Leslie Easterday ext. 134. \$148,000

ROCKRIDGE CONDOMINIUM. Top floor, south-facing 2BR, 1BA. Spa, pool and gym. Jan Fougner ext. 138. \$107,500

KENSINGTON

234 STANFORD AVENUE. THE ULTIMATE VIEW: Bridges, Bay, San Francisco - A unique 3BR, 2BA contemporary. Marlene Leverette ext. 121. \$299,000

EL CERRITO

ENTERTAIN IN STYLE! Elegant Mediterranean in best area! Large gardens, bay views, new kitchen, 3BR, 3BA. Bebe McRae ext. 145. \$315,000

LOT

LAFAYETTE DOUBLE LOT. 2.5 acres in prime area, approved for 2 lots! Soils, survey, subdivision plan. Swimming pool and bath house. Bebe McRae ext. 145. \$220,000

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65 VICENTE ROAD, BERKELEY - 4BD/3BA. \$775,000
New Medit with charm, highest quality, choice location. Bill Weisberg
6511 LONGWALK DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/3BA. \$595,000
Paul Vincent contemp. SF bay views, kltfam rm, patio. Donna Costella
3322 BUTTERS DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3+BA. \$589,000
Elegant 5-yr old contemp, large rms, privacy, bay view. Wendy Gardner
7180 BUCKINGHAM BLVD., NORTH HILLS - 4BD/3BA. \$449,000
New listing! Light/airy new custom home, approx. 3,000 sq. ft. Kirk Phillips
100 ESTATES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2BA. \$449,000
Contemporary, rumpus, hwd floors, bay view, near trans. Francis Heath
838 CALMAR AVE., CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/3BA. \$424,500
Light-filled, huge master suite, office, family room, large yard. Joan Dark

1641 TACOMA AVENUE, BERKELEY - 4BD/2BA. \$419,000
A jewel! Bright and sunny, large level yard, walk to Solano. Ann Norman
6416 HEATHER RIDGE WAY, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA. \$389,000
Large sunny lot, updated kitchen, private deck, great yard. Kathy P
6370 ASCOT DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA. \$369,000
Reduced! Cosmetic fixer, fabulous location, large level yard. Tan C
4706 EDGEWOOD AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 4BD/1+BA. \$339,000
Move-in condition! Hwd flrs, French doors, formal DR. Vicki W
4100 MAYBELLE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2BD/1+BA. \$299,000
Custom built on 1/4 acre lot, privacy, deck, great yard. Vicki W
2903 CARMEL STREET, LAUREL - 2BD/1+BA. \$199,000
1300 sq. ft. townhouse with sep entry, trpl, in-unit laundry. Nancy O

BY APPOINTMENT

PIEDMONT

GRACIOUS ESTATE - PIEDMONT. \$2,450,000
Wonderful park-like grounds, 5BD/4+BA, chef's kitchen, family room, library, au pair, rumpus, elevator, pool. Joan Daniel
CLASSIC ELEGANCE - PIEDMONT. \$1,950,000
Designed by William Wurster, this property offers 6BD/4BA, library w/frpl, gorgeous gardens, pool & play area. Sally Morrison
BEAUTIFULLY PLANNED - PIEDMONT. \$1,720,000
Handsome home, extensive gardens, 5BD + au pair. Cozy library, large fam rm, separate rec rm. Sally Morrison/Dee Dee Bonham
DRAMATIC DESIGN - PIEDMONT. \$1,195,000
Stunning architecture in a very private setting. 4BD/3+BA, large family room, beautiful courtyard and pool. Georgia Cornell
STUNNING PIEDMONT CONTEMPORARY. \$995,000
Fabulous outdoor living! Upgraded 4BD/3.5BA with quality and style throughout double lot with lush gardens. P. Scott/G. Cornell
ENGLISH TUDOR - PIEDMONT. \$849,000
Superb quality of design, craftsmanship and charm. 3BD/2+BA, den, study, family room adjoins spacious deck. Sally Morrison

SPECTACULAR SF BAY VIEW. \$739,000
Elegantly remodeled! 4BD/2+BA, cook's kitchen, family room with fireplace, private well landscaped yard. Martha Holstad
GRACIOUS PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL. \$749,000
Lovely light-filled home surrounded by beautiful English garden. 5BD/3BA, au pair, play room, wonderful details. Sandi Klemm
BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED - PIEDMONT. \$699,000
Level-in, private setting, superb kitchen, 5BD/3+BA, playroom formal dining, superb indoor/outdoor living. Robyn Mohr
NEW LISTING - PIEDMONT. \$499,000
Enjoy wonderful outdoor living pool side in a lovely garden setting. 3BD/2BA, family rm, French doors to deck. Martha Holstad
PICTURESQUE SETTING - PIEDMONT. \$489,000
St. James Woods contemporary ranch with mature trees and foliage. 3BD/3BA, large family room, 2 decks. Sally Morrison
GREAT PIEDMONT LOCATION. \$419,000
Reduced! Wonderful traditional conveniently located. 4BD/2+BA, kltfam rm opens to deck, au pair w/sep entrance. Ann Norman

OAKLAND / BERKELEY

PRESTIGIOUS CLAREMONT PINES. \$1,129,000
Elegant new custom home. 4BD/3+BA, fabulous kitchen, family room, formal dining, pool/spa, 3-car garage. Dee Knowland
NEW CLAREMONT CONTEMPORARY. \$810,000
Designed with 2 spectacular master bdrm suites, this stunning home has pano views, above Claremont Resort. Patty Scott
ARCHITECT DESIGNED - MONTCLAIR. \$469,000
Four year old contemp with 4BD/3+BA including 2 BD suites, kltfam/rm combo, hwd flrs, lovely garden. Wendy Gardner
GREAT MONTCLAIR LOCATION. \$449,000
4-year old custom home. 3BD/3BA, au pair, hill views, gorgeous landscaping, back patio with spa, tons of storage. Dee Knowland
ADORABLE CAPE COD. \$429,000
Fabulous Upper Rockridge location! 3BD/3+BA, formal DR, spacious family rm leads to large deck & backyard. Dee Knowland
EXCITING NEW HOME. \$399,000
Designed by award-winning architect, Robert Neblon. Great indoor & outdoor living. 3+BD/2+BA, level yards. Ann Nichols
CROCKER HIGHLANDS ENGLISH. \$328,000
This lovely home has a great floor plan and serene Japanese garden. 3BD/2BA, large master, new kitchen, deck. Joan Daniel
SWEEPING VIEWS - RIDGEMONT. \$364,000
Reduced! Lovely contemp with SF & bay views. 3BD/2+BA, formal dining, kltfam room, large level back yard. Robyn Mohr
IMMACULATE OAKMORE TUDOR. \$329,000
3BD/2+BA, family room opens to large deck, hot tub, hwd floors, formal dining, beam ceiling in LR, large entry. Dick Cohen
GRAND VICTORIAN DUPLEX. \$315,000
Original details, high ceilings, newer kit & baths. 2BD/1BA, & 3BD/2BA, upgraded systems, walk to Piedmont Ave. Joan Dark
CUSTOM BUILT - MONTCLAIR. \$310,000
Charming 2BD/2BA home on a secluded wooded lot near the Village. Updated kit, loft rm, hot tub & decks. Dee Dee Bonham
CROCKER HIGHLANDS DELIGHT. \$299,500
Turn the key and move right in! Stylish and tastefully decorated. 4BD/2BA, updated kitchen, hwd flrs, back yard. Dee Knowland

STYLE AND PRIVACY. \$289,000
Stately colonial within walking dist to Montclair Village. French doors to patio, 2BD/2BA, den, new kitchen & deck. Pat DeLoe
COZY FAMILY HOME. \$289,000
Warm & charming home on large level lot. 3+BD/2BA, family room, remodeled eat-in kitchen, formal dining, large deck. Kathy P
STORYBOOK COLONIAL. \$284,000
Reduced! Warm and charming! 3BD/3BA, large cook's kitchen, family room, office, rumpus/exercise room, storage. Dick Cohen
DRAMATIC OAKMORE CONTEMPORARY. \$284,000
Quiet cul-de-sac, sun-filled rooms with south bay views. 3BD/2BA, master suite, family room, fireplace, deck. Wendy Gardner
PEACEFUL AND PRIVATE. \$279,000
Updated with automatic irrigation, deluxe drainage & alarm system. 2BD/1+BA, family rm w/separate entry, hot tub. Kathy P
ALL LEVEL - PARKRIDGE ESTATES. \$279,000
This immaculate, one level home features 3BD/2BA, separate dining room, family room off kitchen, hwd floors. Nancy O
REDWOOD HILLS TOWNHOME. \$259,000
Unique and charming! 2BD/2+BA, updated kitchen, fam rm & master suite with luxurious bath, 2-car garage. Sandi Klemm
OAKLAND ROSE GARDEN. \$249,000
Pride of ownership! New paint & roof, landscaping, earthwork, retrotitling & more! 3BD/1BA, fireplace, formal DR. Pat DeLoe
QUIET RETREAT. \$239,000
Reduced! Nestled in the trees yet convenient location. 3BD/2BA, frpl, dining area w/dors to patio, 2-car garage. Dick Cohen
PRISTINE BUNGALOW. \$189,000
Beautifully maintained, situated high up off the street for quiet and privacy. 3BD/1BA, hwd floors, garage. Vicki Woodhead
BROWN SHINGLE CHARMER. \$189,000
3BD/2BA, formal dining, hwd floors, large kitchen, fireplace, alarm system, secluded level back yard. Kathy Flynn
PERFECTLY REDONE BUNGALOW. \$169,000
Very charming home with new kit & bath, gleaming hwd flrs. 2BD/1BA, formal DR, large yard & patio, garage. Pat DeLoe

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Events...

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Arts Camp, July 27 to Aug. 3 at the Feather River Camp in Quincy, CA. The camp will feature landscape drawing and painting, plein-air oil painting, fabric printing, glass bead

making, tai chi and nature classes. The \$400 cost includes classes, transportation and inclusive eight day, seven night accommodations in shared rustic cabins. Call 238-6951 for more information.

The Thorsen/Sigma Phi House, 2307 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley

presents **The Last of the Ultimate Bungalows: the William R. Thorsen House of Greene and Greene**, a nine-week exhibition of architecture and furnishings designed by the renowned turn-of-the-century California architects Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene, the exhibition will run through Sun. Aug. 18. Call (800) 342-5552 to order tickets or a brochure.

community they serve. Realtors, contractors, nonprofit organizations are welcome. The workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Call 528-0767 ext. 17 for information and reservations.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, handle home inspections; learn about contingencies that may protect a buyer from adverse conditions, and see if it may be more economical to buy rather than to rent. Get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554 for more information

Le Tip International, a organization of independent businesspeople devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schliff at 236-3002.



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OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 14 ASCOT, Historic Casa Maria Louisa, landmark 4+3/4 \$865,000
Better Homes, Sue Williams 482-5077
- 2414 SWAINLAND RD, Montclair 5bd/3ba, 2/3 acre, 4000 sq ft, \$730,000
Bay views, spacious, architectural drama. Martin Davis 547-8100 SUNDAY 2-5
- 240 ACACIA, English architect designed 4/3, Claremont Pines \$680,000
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174
- 336 CONTRA COSTA, Rockridge 4bd/2+1/2ba, custom, SF/GG vws \$652,000
Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643
- 7 WESTMINSTER DR, Claremont Pines unique 2-level, 4+bd, hill vw \$619,000
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400
- 511 LONGWALK, Montclair 3b/3b w/SF bay vws, kit/ram rm, patio \$595,000
Pacific Union, Donna Costalita 339-6460
- 685 SHEPHERD CANYON, Montclair 4bd/3+1/2ba on 1/3 acre \$599,000
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 531-1670
- 322 BUTTERS DR, Montclair 4bd/3+1/2ba, elegant, privacy, bay vw \$589,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 6 SCHOONER HILL, Magnificent views from 3 levels, 4/3 twnhm \$569,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammer 339-1174
- 55 DUBLIN AVE, Joaquin Miller 5bd/4ba, seller moved \$560,000
Better Homes, Dawn Ellis 287-2648
- 46 FAIRLANE DR, Montclair space, privacy, comfort, bay view \$549,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- 909 BROADWAY TER, Just listed! gorgeous brand new 5bd/2+1/2 \$529,000
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 531-1670
- 14 CLIPPER HILL, Spectacular vw home! 4/3, FDR, prime location \$525,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammer 339-1174
- 7094 BROADWAY TER, Montclair new 3bd/2+1/2ba, GG views \$515,000
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400
- 815 BRISTOL, Claremont Hghlnds brand new! 3+bd/3+1/2ba, custom \$489,500
Better Homes, Ed Lindorff 531-8401 SUNDAY 2-5
- 710 MOUNTAIN GATE WY, Piedmont Pines 4/2, library/ofc, gardn \$479,000
Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingslow 339-1174
- 362 BRUNELL DR, 4bd/2+1/2ba, open fr plan w/great room, lg lot \$459,000
Vells & Bennett, Carolyn Craig 531-7000
- 180 BUCKINGHAM BL, North Hills custom 4/3, nw listing! 3000 sf \$449,000
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460
- 9 BAY FOREST DR, New listing! grt rm, study, media rm, mstr ste \$448,000
Vells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 531-7000
- 25 PARAMOUNT RD, Crocker Hghlnds 3/2, top location/condition \$439,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehrkind 653-8092
- 75 EXETER DR, Montclair 5b/3ba, 3 levels, frpl, woodsy \$437,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Jacalyn Evone 273-9876
- 768 SCARBOROUGH, Piedmont Pines, 3bd/3+1/2ba on 2 lots, office \$435,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400
- 38 CALMAR AV, Crocker Hghlnds 3bd/3ba, huge mstr, office, lg yd \$424,500
Pacific Union, Joan Card 339-6460
- 24 LONGRIDGE RD, Crocker 3/2, pool, magical grdn, clear pest \$409,500
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mavis Delacroix 658-6332
- 708 LONGRIDGE, Crocker Hghlnds 3bd/2+1/2ba traditional, hwdws \$399,500
Better Homes, Mark Attarra 339-4000
- 35 KLAMATH ST, Joaquin Miller 4bd/2ba w/pano view, just listed \$399,000
Better Homes, Patricia Bennett 482-9000
- 366 LAWTON, Rockridge 4+1/2 fr restored craftsman, just listed \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Adrienne Nash 763-4060
- 801 PARK BL, Upr Park at Piedmont border 5bd/3ba, nw kit/bath \$385,000
Better Homes, Arnold 530-6099
- 233 BROADWAY TER, 3bd/2+1/2ba unique stately Rockridge beauty \$379,000
Better Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582
- 70 WOODROW DR, Montclair, custom 2/2 & den, level grounds \$375,000
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400
- ASHMOUNT WAY, Crocker 4bd/2ba, mint! bay views, low maint. \$359,000
Mason-McDuffie, Jeffrey Himmel 428-0900
- 16 CHELTON, Contemporary w/Oriental feel, 3/2, 2-story, private \$335,000
Vells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000
- 401 ZINN, Montclair grt 2700 sq ft 4bd/3+1/2ba contemporary \$325,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mark Cujak 869-4237
- 700 SIMS, Montclair 3bd/3ba, private/park-like, walk to village \$324,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 644-5426
- 356 CHARING CROSS, Hiller, just listed, 3bd/2+1/2ba townhome \$309,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammer 339-1174
- 416 HEATHER RIDGE WY, Montclair 3/2, lg sunny lot, private deck \$299,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460
- 155 BROOKSIDE, Upr Rockridge, charming 3bd/2ba craftsman \$289,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 370 ASCOT DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, cosmetic fixer, lg level yd \$289,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 2 HILLCREST CT, SF & bay views! 3bd/2+1/2ba, tennis and pool \$289,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400

- 738 ARIMO, Just listed! 3+1+1/2 b+ec rm, oversized lot, "AS IS" \$285,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 920 CARLSTON AVE, Crocker 3/2 split level, FDR, EQ retrofitted \$280,000
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653
- 70 ABBOTT DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba w/level yd, bay vw, mstr w/frpl \$275,000
Better Homes, Mel Copland 339-8400
- 4244 LAGUNA, 3bd nr Mormon Temple, new kitchen, bay vw, lg yd \$271,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000
- 6370 ASCOT DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, cosmetic fixer, lg level yd \$269,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 4811 TRINIDAD, Peaceful/private/bay view, hwdws, hot tub, wkshp \$269,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000
- 4608 JACOBUS, Rockridge, 1st open! beautiful 2bd/1+1/2ba, grt frs \$265,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224
- 6995 PASO ROBLES, Montclair 3bd/2ba, lot of plus room \$264,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 644-5426
- 2303 TIFFIN, Oakmore 3bd/2ba fab rehab, new kitchen \$259,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Cindy Boze 869-4203
- 4706 EDGEWOOD AVE, Glenview 4bd/1+1/2ba, hwdws, formal dining \$254,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 664 CHETWOOD, 3bd/1+1/2ba, warm & private, next to Rose Garden \$252,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ray 287-5904
- 842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2 garages, MUST SELL \$243,000
Owner 834-8768 SATURDAY 11-3 & SUNDAY 11-5 5% down
- 4012 LAGUNA AVE, Lincoln Hts 3bd/3ba, big \$ reduction! remodel \$239,000
Better Homes, Victor Fierro 832-4339
- 3947 ARDLEY AV, Glenview 2+1/2b, nw listing! woodwork & warmth \$224,000
Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-6666
- 5153 SHAFTER, Pretty Rockridge 3/2 charmer! hwdw, bsmt wkshp \$219,000
Coldwell Banker, John Nielsen, Don Coelho 339-1174
- 4100 MAYBELLE, Redwood Hts 2bd/1+1/2ba custom bit on 1/4 acre \$219,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 5805 MERRIEWOOD DR, Montclair 3b/1b superb starter, partial vw \$217,000
Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-6666
- 566 ROSAL, Crocker 3bd/1ba bungalow, illness/must be sold! \$199,000
Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 655-7137
- 4012 EDMONDOR PL, Millsmont 3bd/2ba, Old World Charm with \$189,500
updated amenities, large yard. Agent 799-4677 SUNDAY 2-5
- 4630 REINHARDT DR, Redwood Hts 3bd/2b, grt location/neighbors \$189,500
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Jennifer Jones 644-5406
- 550 ALLEEN ST, Idora Park 2bd/1ba, Medit charm, hwdws, lg yd \$189,000
Better Homes, Michael Harding 339-4000
- 3812 RHODA AVE, Upr Dimond 2bd/1ba, remodel kit/bath, grt yard \$185,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mary McNeill 644-5444
- 3380 MORCOM, Maxwell Park 3+bd/1+1/2ba, skylites, frpl, deck \$178,000
Mason-McDuffie, Karen Davis 834-2010
- 2903 CARMEL ST, Laurel 2bd/1+1/2ba, 1300 sf twnhse, laundry, frpl \$155,000
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460
- 6268 SUNNYMERE AVE, Just listed! 2bd/2ba charming beginner \$149,500
Better Homes, Morrie 547-6975
- 3955 DELMONT, Millsmont cute 2bd/1ba Berk, style brown shingle \$149,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224
- 5360 FLEMING AV, Maxwell Park 3bd/1ba, charm/valuel nw on mkt \$142,500
Better Homes, Anida Weyl 746-1949
- 3945 MIDVALE, Laurel, price reduced, 2bd/1ba bungalow \$140,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 1152 76TH AVE, Great 4bd/2ba with in-law, move in condition! \$130,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Dollie Henson 632-7412
- 5958 MAJESTIC AVE, Millsmont 2/1, frpl + bonus room, charm w/ \$117,000
lovely trees, brick patio, Bright, very clean By Owner 837-9104 SUNDAY 2-5
- 3301 PIERSON, Maxwell Park, cute 3bd/1+1/2ba, good location \$115,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Elaine Barber 869-4204
- 2315 23RD ST, 2+bd/1ba, Quaint Victorian, formal dining rm, \$108,000
enclosed patio, eat-in kitchen. Constance Codling 436-9136 FRIDAY 11-4
- 3750 HARRISON #104, Stylish affordable upgraded 1bd +den \$87,500
Coldwell Banker, Marilyn Bremser 339-1174
- 2901 MacARTHUR BLVD, 1 & 2 bedroom upgraded condos, \$79,950
special no/low-down! OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1-5
- ALAMEDA Open Sunday**
- 429 GRAND, 3+bd/2ba, 1 lv, sun rm adds extra space, immaculate \$264,500
Better Homes, Vickie Chan Case 522-3957 SUNDAY 2-4:30
- ALBANY Open Sunday**
- 932 MADISON, Bright & large 2bd, good yard! \$214,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X182 SUNDAY 2-4
- 942 EVELYN, 3bd/2ba, big price reduction! walk to schools \$210,000
Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 655-7137 SUNDAY 2-4:30
- BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm**
- 2737 BELORE AVE, 5+bd/5ba Italian villa, pool, library \$825,000
Templeton Company, Faye Keogh 652-2133 X126 SUNDAY 2-4

- 65 VICENTE RD, 4/3, choice location! quality Med w/charm \$775,000
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460
- 1102 GRAND VIEW DR, Claremont Hills 3+1/2 masterpiece, view \$739,000
The GRUBB Company, Susan Velt 339-0400
- 2801 CLAREMONT BL, 3+bd/3+1/2ba superb flatcliff design, lg lv yd \$625,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehrkind 653-8092
- 2920 DERBY ST, J. H. Thomas beautyl 4+bd/2+1/2ba, garden, hot tub \$519,000
Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144 SUNDAY 2-4
- 2519 DERBY, Elmwood fab 4+bd/3ba, great renovated legl studio \$375,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224
- 1641 TACOMA AVE, 4/2, a jewel! bright/sunny, walk to Solano \$333,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nicols 339-6460
- 10 AVENIDA, Super clean 3bd/2ba ranch home \$329,000
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- 1884 SAN ANTONIO, 2+1/2, grt Thousand Oaks location, vw, garden \$309,000
Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 SUNDAY 2-4
- 517 THE ALAMEDA, 2bd/1ba \$285,000
Coldwell Banker, Gilda Waldman 486-1495
- 65 PANORAMIC, Berkeley 3bd/2+1/2ba \$280,000
Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495
- 3005 FULTON ST, Artist's renovation w/charm, 3bd/1+1/2ba \$269,000
Templeton Company, Faye Keogh 652-2133 X126
- 188 FAIRLAWN, Berkeley 2+bd/1ba \$250,000
Coldwell Banker, Gaby Olander 486-1495
- 1301 PERALTA, 3bd/1ba \$229,000
Coldwell Banker, Karen Brand 486-1495
- 1635 CEDAR, 2bd/1ba traditional Berkeley bungalow, lot of bit-ins \$195,000
Better Homes, Nick Lavroy 525-2727 SUNDAY 2-5
- 3238 VALLEY, Quiet, sunny 2bd/1ba starter \$179,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 2023 CHANNING, Channing Place Condos, 1 & 2 bd city homes \$139,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1-5 to \$179,000
- 1721 BERKELEY WAY, 2bd/1ba \$135,000
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495
- 2101 8TH STREET, Berkeley 1bd/1ba \$124,500
Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495
- EL SOBRANTE Open Sunday**
- 890 APPIAN WAY, 3bd/2+1/2ba (22 new units), quality & style! \$139,900
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Sybil Bailey 464-1075 SUNDAY 2-4:30
- FOSTER CITY Open Sunday**
- 912 ARUBA, New on market, 1st open! 3bd/2+1/2ba \$489,000
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- 115 HIGHLAND, Kensington 4bd/2ba \$389,000
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- 111 ESTATES, 3+1+bd/5+1/2ba, incredible \$! for 4000sf of luxury living \$699,000
The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400
- 120 ESTATES, 4bd/2+1/2ba, level, bay view, large yard \$598,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4224
- 136 DUDLEY AVE, Lovely contemp w/So.Bay view, lv in/out, patio \$535,000
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400
- 51 MAXWELTON, 4bd/2+1/2ba, Tahoe setting/Piedmont location! \$519,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, George Milliron 869-4233
- 100 ESTATES DR, 3bd/2ba, rumpus, hwdws, bay view, nr transp. \$449,000
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460
- 324 OLIVE AVE, 4bd/3ba, bright, spacious, hwdws, built-ins \$419,000
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 531-1670
- 1609 GRAND AVE, Bargain! 3/2, private yard, updated, walk schls \$365,000
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400
- 100 RAMONA AVE, Living rm w/frpl, dining w/bit-ins, grt garden \$319,000
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400
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- 6076 ARINGTON AVE, Charming 2+bd Cape Cod w/loft, grdn, vws \$174,000
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- 2375 EDGEHILL CT, 5bd/4+1/2ba, Bayo Vista, pano bay views \$460,000
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30
- 171 BOWLING GREEN, Upgraded/bright 2bd/1ba, quick possession \$153,950
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TRANSPORTATION

101 Autos

ACURA Legend, 1986 Automatic, 4 door, 90K miles, new transmission, sunroof, excellent condition. \$7,200. 531-5544

ALL Autos Wanted. Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1996 to help the Homeless Children. Please call us at 415-871-0885. We need Vans, Cars, RVs, Trucks. Thank you.

BMW 530i, 1977 New transmission, head tires. Excellent running, cheap. 90K, \$3,000. 510-339-3121

BMW 528e, 1987, runs great. New transmission, 98K, \$7,900. Call Chuck at 510-530-9572

CARS UNDER \$200

DEA, IRS, FBI, Nationwide Auctions, Trucks, Boats, Motorcycles, Furniture and MORE! Call now 1-800-400-3308, ext. 487

FORD Escort, 1988, 4 door, Hatch 5-speed, 60,000 miles, new tires, tune-up water pump/timing belt. Runs great, \$3,000/best offer. Must Sell. 522-3783, John

HONDA Accord LXI, 1988, 4 door sedan, new automatic transmission, new brakes, air conditioning, sunroof, cruise control, \$5,000 or best offer. 528-6003

MERCEDES Benz, Wagon, 1995 Black/black leather, low miles, \$46,000 655-5796

MITSUBISHI Colt 1988, Sun roof, 5 speed, super clean, excellent condition, \$3,000. 510-523-2921

PONTIAC, Firebird, 1988, 6K original miles, 5 speed, 4 cylinders, AM/FM cassette \$5600 or best offer. 523-6641

SEIZED CARS FROM \$175

Porsche, Cadillac, Chevy, BMW's, Corvettes, also Jeeps, 4 Wheel Drive, Your area. Toll free 1-800-688-9778 ext. A-7057 for current listings

1989 OLDSMOBILE 88, 2 door, leather upholstery, 1 owner, low mileage. 848-4870.

103 Boats/Service & Storage

CANOE 16 ft. Fiberglass, Ocochee, excellent condition. \$450, leave message 510-865-8343.

BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks)

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland

SPEND the summer in Spain. Host a Spanish student. Please call Simone Figueroa at 510-451-6105

SEEKING families to host French, Norwegian, Finnish or Swedish High School girl boy for the 1996-1997 school year. If you can help, call 800-388-3013

205 Workshops & Classes

SUPPORT GROUP

for parents of disabled children 267-5507 for more information. LaRee Marquardt-Byrd, MFCC #31559

206 Found

BOXER, male, Redwood area. Call to identify 485-3038

LARGE tabby, neutered male found North Berkeley. Affectionate, exotic. Markings, notched left ear. Mike 849-2277.

PUPPY, German Shepherd, Year 24th, Glenview 482-1681

GOLD ring, Year 21st, Rockledge area. Call to identify 852-8377.

FEMALE Black/White cat. Benrock/13th Avenue, June 26th. Very friendly. 895-2047

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204

CHOW (part), male, 2 years. Needs good home. Very gentle, shy, good with kids. 232-8646

SIX week kittens, 3 year old Lab/Shepherd male. Great family pets, loves kids. 530-0643

FIREWOOD, Mayten tree, already cut, easy to haul. 526-3945

FREE firewood. Quality questionable, but it is yours if you haul. Ask for Zoe, 555-0742

FREE compost horse manure, Lafayette. We will tractor load for you. Great for gardens. 284-1887

"CADDY", female, 3 years, black/white, DMH, coquettish, petite, affectionate, sweet, shy. Donor: Marc 510-444-3204

"SMOKEY", 1 year, DLI, male, gray/white, very affectionate but shy. Donor: Marc 510-444-3204

FREE firewood. Just call 531-8937 and haul away

208 Lost

SIAMSE male cat, neutered, brown/cream, "Dino", Hiller Highlands area, June 20th. Very friendly. 489-4675

LOST cat, small grey Tabby, spayed female. June 15th in Montclair area. Reward. 482-8890

LOST, grey cat in the Forwood/Thornhill area. Male very friendly. 653-8812

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL

Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447.

SMILES DAY SCHOOL

Pre-school program 2-5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30-6:00. 339-3830

303 Instruction & Tutoring

A LEARNING PLACE

Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley. 531-2500

MATH TUTOR

All levels. Individual and small group tutoring, patient, kind, effective. Experienced, credentialed teacher. Low rates. Call for brochure, with references. Ann 763-3918

BLOOD Drawing Phlebotomy course by Boston Reed Company. Call 1-800-201-1141. State registered instructor. #2800291

COMPUTER SPECIALIST

Teaches Windows, installs upgrades. Configures and advises \$25/hour. Call Charlie 279-9454

ELEMENTARY educator with 25 years public school experience specializing in primary grades would like to inspire and motivate your child to read this summer. 510-339-1589

304 Musical Instruction

ROCKENBACH guitar and bass lessons. 25 years experience. Very patient. Ages 9-90. 531-5625 message

304 Musical Instruction

VOICE lessons, beginning and advanced. Classical technique, repertoire. Experienced professional singer. Patricia Hyde-Thomas, 510-234-8130

JAPANESE Harp (Koto) lessons. Traditional/Contemporary. Taught in home studio. All ages. Shirley Muramoto, 482-1640

PIANO Lessons. Jazz, Blues, Classical, free. Experienced, patient. All ages. First lesson free. Ariel, 865-3643

GUITAR/Piano lessons, formerly with Tina Turner. Ray Charles. Lead sheets written. 451-1190 day, 278-0716

EMPLOYMENT

401 Help Wanted

SALES TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Established quality telemarketing company seeks articulate, highly motivated professional salesperson. Exciting opportunity to expand a new line of our communications services. Analyze customer needs and sell a variety of service offerings

Experience in sales, telecommunications preferred; computer literate. Salary plus commission, profit sharing and medical. Send resume including salary history to Direct Line Telemarketing Services, 2847 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 94705, or fax 510-841-3299

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant wanted for East Bay Ad Agency. Must be Mac fluent, even tempered and like numbers, varied tasks, responsibility, 110 hours. Fax resume: 510-849-0831

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant: Part-time: 9-1 p.m. Monday-Friday computer (Macintosh), bookkeeping and training skills. Day program for mentally ill adults. \$9,099/year plus benefits. Resume: SACIS, Town House, P.O. Box 2269, Oakland, 94621. Fax: (510) 658-0811 EOE

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant: Full-time for busy real estate office. Must have previous office experience. Knowledge of IBM computers and software. Need good communication and leadership skills. Be flexible, detail-oriented and organized. Fax resume to: Coldwell Banker at 399-0960 or fill out application at 6137 La Salle Ave., Oakland, Coldwell Banker EOE

AFTER school program coordinator, private year round school in Oakland, 12-6 daily. Ages 5-14. Experience with children required as well as supervisory experience. Resumes to: Monique Parker, Beach Day School, 2101 Livingston St., Oakland, CA 94606

AIDE, music, brass. Grades 4-5. 5x hours/week. Call Mrs. Reddick 420-3611. AAJ EOE

AIDES, special education, part-time \$8-\$8.67/hour. Apply Piedmont Unified School District, 760 Magnolia Ave., Piedmont 94611. AAJ EOE

ANIMAL Lovers: part-time home visit pet sitting. Bondable, reliable, gas efficient car, available 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., 1-5 Saturday/month. Send resume to Phyllis Femino, East Bay Pediatric, 2999 Regents St., #325, Berkeley, CA 94705

APARTMENT Manager: Professional management company seeks person or team for 16-35 units in good location in Oakland. Minor maintenance and office duties. Fax 408-727-6550 or call 408-727-3021

APARTMENT Resident manager for 16 unit building in Alameda. Quiet neighborhood. Rent discount in exchange for duties. Non-smoking. Leave message 548-2023

ASSISTANT

Part-time, permanent unconventional mix of housekeeping and clerical work for well-organized, dependable person who enjoys variety and an occasional challenge. Please write: PSM, P.O. Box 8214, Berkeley, CA 94707

ASSISTANT school program coordinator, 2-6 daily. Ages 5-14. Experience with children required. Resumes to: Monique Parker, Beach Day School, 2101 Livingston St., Oakland, CA 94606

Assistant DON/Nurse Educator

Full-time registered nurse with strong supervisor/communication teaching skills for position at multi-level retirement community. DSD certification preferred. Excellent working conditions, benefits and competitive salary. Contact Ruth Johnson at Piedmont Gardens, 654-7172 or fax resume to, 428-2585. Drug free environment

ASSISTANT Manager: Julie Appel, Montclair's premier juce bar. Flexible hours, fast paced environment. Experienced preferred. Approximately 32 hours/week. Contact Megan/Steve 339-9400

BOOKKEEPER (full-charge) Administrator for small Emeryville design firm. Computerized general ledger, through Financial Statements required. Human resource experience a plus. Send resume with cover letter and salary requirements to: A. Bride, P.O. Box 8366, Emeryville 94662

CAKE Decorator, full-time. Merritt Bakery, 203 E. 18th St., Oakland

CLEANER counter, no experience, will train, full-time or part-time, 4364 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, for application

COMMERCIAL CREDIT ANALYST

Emeryville manufacturer has full-time position available for experienced commercial credit analyst. Experience in credit approval; good communication, writing and collection skills required. Salary \$25,000-\$30,000 and full benefits. Mail resume, Box A, 6206 La Salle Ave., Oakland, CA 94611

COOK, experienced, references. Evening meal Monday-Friday in restaurant for 5 adults. We'll be BART and shopping 658-8722. Monday-Friday

CUSTOMER SERVICE

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Position available in our Oakland newspaper office 27-32 hours/week. Duties include customer service (heavy phones) and data entry. Wordprocessing (WordPerfect 6.0) and/or light bookkeeping skills preferred. Must enjoy working with people, taking initiative, be flexible and complete tasks with little supervision. \$8 per hour. Fax resume to: M. Walden 510-339-6101.

Customer Service Representative for small financial newsletter publisher who has in home office. Must be organized, independent with attention to detail. Will take phone orders, open mail, input orders into computer system, charge credit cards and process outgoing mail. Part-time, 3 days/week. Will train. Mail resume or letter to Publisher, 380 Grand Ave. #133, Oakland, CA 94610

DOCUTECH 135 operator and a bindery person for busy, high volume, quality shop in Hayward. Good benefits and pay. Fax resume to Collin at 510-887-3914

DRIVER: Part-time afternoon route plus on-call hours. Class B license/clean DMV, 1 year experience, pre-hire exam \$9.08/hour. 04/96 Transport services. No day/evening hours. Contact P. Schroeder, (510) 436-2311 EOE

FRY Cook, Merritt Restaurant, 203 E 18th St., Oakland

GARDENER'S Assistant, Children's Fairland Seasonal/part-time Applications at Fairland or mail resume to: 1520 Lakeside Drive, Oakland 94612

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

339-8777

The Classified Dept. will be closed Thurs., July 4, 1996 in honor of Independence Day.

The deadline for Fri., July 5, is Wed., July 3 at 11 a.m.

401 Help Wanted

HORTICULTURIST: Prospering interior plantscape company desires technician to do plant maintenance/installation. Must have aptitude for plants. Responsible, self-starter, energetic, team player. Must be able to lift 50 pounds car, personable customer service required. Full-time plus benefits. 510-852-8020

HOUSECLEANERS immediate openings. Monday-Friday, days, benefits/weekly pay. Need car/insurance/license. Merry Maids, 632-1210. "Great place to work"

IMPORTANCE paid to maturity, experience, compassion. Certified Nurses Aides, Home Aides, part-time to 24 hours care. A Caring Connection, 524-8078

LICENSED Representatives and unlicensed trainees wanted for subsidiary of Fortune 500 corporation. Securities and/or insurance. Call or send resume: 510-633-1121. Waddell & Reed, Inc., 333 Heegenberger Road, Suite 811, Oakland, CA 94621

MACINTOSH "wiz"

with good office skills for Montclair firm with MAC I/OX and Power Mac. Word, FilemakerPro, Claris CAD. Need good car plus good English.

BONUS POINTS FOR:

- CAD Skills
- Hand drafting skills

Call Harry: 530-9120

MECHANIC: Air Cooled Engines. Hand Tools. Training. \$14 hour. Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland 953-9612

MECHANIC/Will Train: Compressor Repair. Assembly. \$14 hour. Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland 953-9612

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Full-time, Pediatric, Berkeley/Oakland. One year immunization experience required. Varying shifts. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., 1-5 Saturday/month. Send resume to Phyllis Femino, East Bay Pediatric, 2999 Regents St., #325, Berkeley, CA 94705

MEDICAL Clinic: Full-time position for energetic, flexible, self-motivated individual. Busy pediatric office. Berkeley. Call prep, filing, authorizations, mail distribution. Medical office experience a plus. Call Joan at 254-8149 or fax resume to 254-1054

MEDICAL Office needs experienced front desk person to answer multi-line phones and schedule appointments. Must have good customer service skills. Fax resume and salary requirements to: 510-521-3950, attention: S. Nabhan

MEDICAL Receptionist, experienced, personable for a busy dermatology practice on Fill Hill in Oakland. Call after 4 p.m. Monday-Friday 452-2833

Occasional/Ongoing Project Work

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This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 29, 1996.
The Journal June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3431
The Name of the Business:
Creative Xpressions, 1224 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Chris Conrad, 1224 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Monica Norris, 1224 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1995.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 29, 1996.
The Journal June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3528
The Name of the Business:
Monument Blvd. Public Storage, 2580 Monument Blvd., Concord, CA 94521.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Jim Mogadam, 2580 Monument Blvd., Concord, CA 94521.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 3, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 3, 1996.
The Journal June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3529
The Name of the Business:
Pac/Gro & Associates, 1670 Riviera Ave., Suite 200, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Jim Mogadam, 2580 Monument Blvd., Concord, CA 94521.
Noboru Hasegawa, 24 Merritt Cir., Moraga, CA 94556.

Jim Mogadam, 2580 Monument Blvd., Concord, CA 94521.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 17, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 17, 1996.
The Journal June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3530
The Name of the Business:
Caramel Graphics, 443 Silver Chief Place, Danville, CA 94526.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Dana G. Gazzo, 443 Silver Chief Pl., Danville, CA 94526.
Robert A. Gazzo, 443 Silver Chief Pl., Danville, CA 94526.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 31, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 31, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3483
The Name of the Business:
Discover Quality Service, 2072 Brook St., Concord, CA 94520.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Luz Maria Leal, 2072 Brook St., Concord, CA 94520.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 30, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 30, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3449
The Name of the Business:
WebSolution.Com, 1732 Riviera Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Michael D. Knutson Jr., 1732 Riviera Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 29, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 29, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3656
The Name of the Business:
Porch-T Delivery Service, Inc., 155 Eleventh Street, Richmond, CA 94801.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1969, Richmond, CA 94802.

Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Richard C. Kirby, 2660 Las Armas, Oakland, CA 94611.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 6, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 6, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3290
The Name of the Business:
Towncenter Dealers of Golden State, 322 Harbor Way, Ste. 14, Richmond, CA 94801.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Carlos A. Flores, 97 Shoreline Ct., Richmond, CA 94801.
Edm Flores, 97 Shoreline Ct., Richmond, CA 94801.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 21, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 21, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3288
The Name of the Business:
Domonique's A Better Chance, 118 Cedar Ct., Hercules, CA 94547.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Lecia Bullen, 118 Cedar Ct., Hercules, CA 94547.
Sherry D. Holmes-Jones, 118 Cedar Ct., Hercules, CA 94547.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 21, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 21, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3358
The Name of the Business:
Daniel & Daniel Consulting, 2108 Blackwood Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Michael A. Daniel, 2108 Blackwood Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Jan Daniel, 2108 Blackwood Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 24, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3408
The Name of the Business:
The Jarvis Company, P.O. Box 546, 6900 Armstrong Rd., Byron, CA 94514.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Lise J. Jarvis, P.O. Box 546, 6900 Armstrong Rd., Byron, CA 94514.
Darlene J. Jarvis, P.O. Box 546, 6900 Armstrong Rd., Byron, CA 94514.

Dennis Jarvis, P.O. Box 546, 6900 Armstrong Rd., Byron, CA 94514.
This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 28, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 28, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3506
The Name of the Business:
Gaming Analytics, 3190 Oak Rd., #313, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
James Hemerway, 3190 Oak Rd., #313, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3404
The Name of the Business:
W - Bar Construction, 1820 Crater Peak Way, Antioch, CA 94509.

Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Jack O. Williams, 1820 Crater Peak Way, Antioch, CA 94509.
Sandra Sloan, 1820 Crater Peak Way, Antioch, CA 94509.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 28, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3448
The Name of the Business:
Vogue Cleaners, 2393 Pleasant Hill Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Anwar Shahr, 106 Mazie Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 29, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 29, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3451
The Name of the Business:
Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor, 11025 San Pablo Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
President Theodore Roosevelt Manor, 5105 Menzies Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95008.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 11, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 29, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3494
The Name of the Business:
Man Around the House, 3941 Campolindo Drive, Moraga, CA 94556.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Bruce M. Berman, 3941 Campolindo Drive, Moraga, CA 94556.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 31, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 31, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3520
The Name of the Business:
1)D's Floors, 32SOFTWARE SMART, 5861 Cauffield Drive, Clayton, CA 94517-1008.
Are hereby registered by the following owners:
Garry D. Jones, 5861 Cauffield Drive, Clayton, CA 94517-1008.
Linda E. Jones, 5861 Cauffield Drive, Clayton, CA 94517-1008.

This business is conducted by a Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 31, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 31, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3516
The Name of the Business:
East Bay Realty, 68 Oakbrook Place, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Sherrin Ann Dunlavin, 655 Oakbrook Place, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Thomas T. Sommer, 65 Oakbrook Place, Pittsburg, CA 94565.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 31, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 31, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3517
The Name of the Business:
Elite Tile, 2850 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Mt. Huron, Inc., California.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 4, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 4, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3411
The Name of the Business:
1)Net Corps, 2)Netcorps, 41 Carpenter Ct., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Are hereby registered by the following owner:
Christopher Joseph Bura, 41 Carpenter Ct., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 27, 1995.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 27, 1995.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3473
The Name of the Business:
Kuma Woodworks, 2646 San Antonio Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Bear Segelman, 2646 San Antonio Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 30, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 30, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3473
The Name of the Business:
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Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Bear Segelman, 2646 San Antonio Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 30, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 30, 1996.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3586
The Name of the Business:
New Age Market, 2526 MacArthur Ave., San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
William James Welsh, 2526 MacArthur Ave., San Pablo, CA 94606.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 4, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 4, 1996.
The Journal June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3530
The Name of the Business:
Avenue Woodworks, 421 5th St., Richmond, CA 94801.
Mailing Address: 1563 Solano Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707.

Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Larry Paul, 1563 Solano Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 3, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3624
The Name of the Business:
Gaming Analytics, 3190 Oak Rd., #313, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
James Hemerway, 3190 Oak Rd., #313, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on

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June 3, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 3, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3679
The Name of the Business:
Home Visions, 731 Morninghome Rd., Danville, CA 94526.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
David Glubetich, 731 Morninghome Rd., Danville, CA 94526.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 7, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 7, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3709
The Name of the Business:
G. & A. Enterprise, 2230 Newport Ct., Byron, CA 94514.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Wayne C. Crea, 2230 Newport Ct., Byron, CA 94514.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 10, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 10, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3815
The Name of the Business:
Great Escapes, 10 Deer Meadow Court, Danville, CA 94506.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Deborah Wood-Campbell, 10 Deer Meadow Court, Danville, CA 94506.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 13, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 13, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3462
The Name of the Business:
Hodson Phantasm, 89 Kings Oak Place, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Lawrence S. Hodson, 89 Kings Oak Place, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 15, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 30, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3474
The Name of the Business:
Zhu-Fu Records, 3535 El Portal Dr., #C102, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 21000, El Sobrante, CA 94820-1000.

Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Robert Frederick, 3535 El Portal Dr., #C102, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Rayven Justice, 3535 El Portal Dr., #C102, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Etha Faye Jones, 3535 El Portal Dr., #C206, El Sobrante, CA 94803.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 30, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 30, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3475
The Name of the Business:
Hawk Justice Productions, 3535 El Portal Dr., #C102, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 21000, El Sobrante, CA 94820-1000.

Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Rayven Justice, 3535 El Portal Dr., #C102, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Etha Faye Jones, 3535 El Portal Dr., #C206, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 30, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 30, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3565
The Name of the Business:
Meridian Trading, 1242 Fascination Circle, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Cheng Tan, 1242 Fascination Circle, El Sobrante, CA 94803.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 13, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 13, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3222
The Name of the Business:
Well Endowed, 4 Ridge Lane, Orinda, CA 94563-1318.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Delinda B. Trowbridge, 4 Ridge Lane, Orinda, CA 94563-1318.
Pamela W. Hall, 130 Lombardy Ln., Orinda, CA 94563.

Holly P. Elliot, 110 Crane Terrace, Orinda, CA 94563.
Cheryl A. Leuz, 18 Harrington Rd., Moraga, CA 94556.
Carole L. Amstutz, 25 Normandy Ln., Orinda, CA 94563.
Suzanne A. Cunningham, 437 Ponderosa Ct., Lafayette, CA 94549.

Louise Fix, 56 Camino Sobrante, Orinda, CA 94563.
Elizabeth M. Loomis, 114 Vallecito Ct., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Leslie Y. Lynch, 415 Belfair Pl., Moraga, CA 94556.
Susana B. McComb, 541 Monarch Ridge Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Margaret Ann Paultich, 12 Ridge Ln., Orinda, CA 94563.
Lois E. Quirk, 255 Los Cerritos Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
Margaret C. Quirk, 8 Tappan Ct., Orinda, CA 94563.
Cindy K. Saba, 10 Park Gate, Lafayette, CA 94549.

Gail Stephens, 4 Santa Lucia, Orinda, CA 94563.
Kathleen C. Thompson, 18 Normandy Ln., Orinda, CA 94563.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 19, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3575
The Name of the Business:
Legend Jet-Drive, 660 So. 31st St., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
David B. Leonard, 5355 Leone Street, Oakland, CA 94619.

Thom Van Vung, 145 Shoreline Court, Richmond, CA 94807.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3544
The Name of the Business:
Crockett Day Camp, 850 Pomona Street, Crockett, CA 94525.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Ellen S. Howard, 873 Winslow Street, Crockett, CA 94525.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 3, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 4, 1996.
The Journal July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3594
The Name of the Business:
Prista Cove Ventures, 2401 Starwell Dr., Suite 460, Concord, CA 94520.

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Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Stan V. Pietrucki, Jr., 107 Myrtlewood Ct., Vallejo, CA 94591.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 4, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 4, 1996.
The Journal July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3678
The Name of the Business:
Off Basket Express by Carls, 942 Via Montanas, Concord, CA 94518.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Thamarie Bent, 942 Via Montanas, Concord, CA 94518.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 7, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 7, 1996.
The Journal July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3713
The Name of the Business:
Goffe's Company, 2924 Cindy Ct., Concord, CA 94503.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Chen, 2924 Cindy Ct., Richmond, CA 94503.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 7, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 7, 1996.
The Journal July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3714
The Name of the Business:
Backyard Florals, 25 Linda Vista, Orinda, CA 94563.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Joyce Norris, 25 Linda Vista, Orinda, CA 94563.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 7, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 7, 1996.
The Journal July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3887
The Name of the Business:
Amazing Glaze, 2200 Hilltop Drive, Richmond, CA 94804.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by a Non-profit Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 1, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 17, 1996.
The Journal July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3856
The Name of the Business:
The Training Department, 516 Kennamare Court, Pinole, CA 94864.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Ariane M. Smith, 7095 Bodega Avenue, Petaluma, CA 94945.

David Jay Marinquez, 1240 Camino Coronado, Richmond, CA 94801.
Cynthia D. Salinas, 516 Kennamare Court, Pinole, CA 94864.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 1, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 17, 1996.
The Journal July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-4006
The Name of the Business:
Unique Designs by D & J, 824 Sonoma St., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Deborah L. Brooks, 824 Sonoma St., Richmond, CA 94805.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 1994.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 24, 1996.
The Journal July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT